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AMMAN (J.T.) — Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Mnhammad ilan announced Sunday that Monday was the first day of 'Eid Al Fitr. In a televised statement, Mheilan said the moon of Shawal was sighted Sunday evening and therefore Monday will be the first day of the month of Shawal, marking the end of the Holy Month of Ramadan. On the occasion, His Majesty King Hussein received congratulatory cables from Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi, Lower House Speaker Akef Al Fayez, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Zaid Ibn Shaker, Sheikh Mheilan and directors of the Public Security, Civil Defence and General Intelligence departments. The cables expressed best wishes for the King and expressed hope "such a dear occasion returns at a time when the Arab and Muslim nations have achieved their aspirations and when the holy places are restored and every inch of land is

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Happy holiday

The Jordan Times will not be The Jordan Times will not be published Thesday and Wednesday due to the Eld Al Fitr heliday Monday and Tuesday. The next issue of the newspaper will appear Thursday, May 19. The lordan Times wishes its readers, advertisers and patrons a very happy Eld Al Fitr.

Aziz in E. Berlin

EAST BERLIN (R) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz ar-rived in East Germany Sunday for an official visit, East German News Agency ADN said. It gave no details of his programme.

Kuwait to resume Bangkok flights

KUWAIT (R) -- Kuwait Airways flights to Bangkok and Manila, suspended after a hijacking last month, will resume on June 4, an airline spokesman told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) Snnday. The flights were balted after gunmen hijacked a Kuwaiti Boeing 747 on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait April 5 and killed two Knwaiti passengers before releasing their remaining hostages in Algiers 15 days later.

Anti-Israeli rally held in Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM (R) - Some 2,000 demonstrators protested in Amsterdam Saturday against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. Chanting "Israel out," they marched through the centre of the city to mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Zionist state. A similar protest by about 1,000 demonstrators took place in front of the Israeli embassy in the Hagne

Iran sends message to Bahrain

NICOSI 4 (R) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati sent a message to Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Ibn Mubarak Al Khalifa Sunday, the Iranian news agency (IRNA) reported. The agency said Iran's ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Mostafa Fomeni Haeri, delivered the message. Fumeni Haeri met Bahrain's ruler, Sheikh Isa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa Saturday, IRNA added.

7 suspected Kurdish rebels killed in Turkey

DERIK, Turkey (AP) — Seven suspected Kurdish insurgents were killed in a clash with security forces in this southeastern township near the Syrian border Sunday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. The clash occurred after security forces surrounded a house in Bayrakli village where the suspects were hiding, the agency said. The Kurds opened fire after they were asked to surrender and all seven guerrillas in the house were killed, Anatolia

2 killed in Karachi

KARACHI (R) — Two people were killed and two injured in ethnic violence in the Pakistani city of Karachi, raising the death toll to 39 in eight days, doctors said Sunday. Police said rival ethnic groups clashed in different parts of the sprawling port Saturday. Government officials said Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo would meet senior officials in Karachi Monday to discuss the disorders.

Gunmen kill 3

in Belfast pub BELFAST (AP) - Gunmen stepped into a Belfast pub Sunday afternoon and opened fire at the lunchtime crowd, killing three people, police said. Six people were taken to hospitals, some with injuries and others suffering from shock, they said. No one immediately claimed responsibiltty. But the puh is patronised by Roman Catholics from a nearby housing development, and Press Association, the British domestic news agency, said the shooting had the ballmarks of a Protestant extremist attack. It did not give

Palestinians observe

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Palestinians staged a massive general strike Sunday to mark a "day of black disaster" on the occasion of the anniversary of the creation of Israel and the Zionist state's seizure of Jerusalem.

shut down public transport in anti-Israeli demonstrations. answer to a strike call by the self-declared leadership of the be marked in Jerusalem but if you five-month-old Palestinian upris- look bow many soldiers there are, ing to mark a "day of black you can understand why there are

But the massive presence of teacher in Arab Jerusalem.

police and unseasonably bot "We have heen protesting

Palestinians in Arab Jerusalem weather that reached 40 degrees and the occupied West Bank and Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) Gaza Strip closed their stores and in some areas quelled violent

"The day of catastropbe should no protests," said Salah Ayyad, a

"We have been protesting for

here," be told Reuters on a deserted street of the Arab market inside Jerusalem's walled Old City.
Sunday is also the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Zionist state according to the

They (Israelis) are holding flags and singing but they cannot change the fact that we are living

month under the Jewish calendar. Israel Radio reported police blocked a small group of followers of extremist American rabbi Meir Kahane from entering the Haram Al Sharif.

Gregorian calendar, even though

Israelis marked the occasion last

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Syria issues tough ultimatum to warring militias in Beirut

rian army warned Sunday it will move into Beirut's devastated southern slums with shoot-to-kill order and ordered warring Shi'ite militias to halt a 10-day-old bloodbath.

Brigadier-General Ghazi Kenaan, Syria's military intelligence commander in Lebanon, ordered the pro-Syrian Amal militia and the Iranian-backed Hizbollah, to lay down their arms.

He declined the ultimatum as more than 7,500 Syrian troops with some 500 tanks and armoured vebicles, massed around the labytinthine slums, where Western hostages are believed held by Shi ite factions linked to Hizbollab.

The Syrian force includes two battalions of elite Special Forces commandoes, Syrian and Lebanese military sources quoted

by the AP.
"Orders have been issued to the Arab Syrian forces to enter the suburbs and impose order," told a news conference in west

Beirut. "We warn all militiamen in the suburbs to drop their weapons without delay because our forces will open fire immediately at any gunmen on the streets or in build-

ings," be said.
"We warn all militiamen without exception against firing on our forces because they will deal with violators in the appropriate

Kenaan did not say when the Syrians would move into the suburbs, but he said: "Syria has taken the decision that will save our people from the bloodbath... to lift the suffering and oppression imposed by the gunmen on some of our people."

Hizbollah's spiritnal guide, Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, branded Syria's military buildup "an act of intimidation."

He warned "all the suburbs will be destroyed if the Syrians BTR-80 tanks snaked through attempt to enter by force," indicating that Hizbollah, which
has fielded around 3,000 bard
The Soviet convoy entered the

core fighters, would resist the Syrians,

Shell blasts ecboed across the capital as Kenaan spoke at the news conference in the residence of Assem Kanso, head of Lebaon's pro-Syrian Socialist Baath

Police said Hizbollah and Amal militiamen were locked in artillery duels, but there was no immediate word of casualties. The Syrian decision to commit

its troops into what could deteriorate into house-to-house fighting underlined the failure of Amal, the Syrians' strongest Lebanese ally, to crush Hizboilah and end

KABUL (Agencies) — Soviet

troops began withdrawing from

81/2 years of war in Afghanistan

Sunday as shots rang out from distant hills controlled by rebels

fighting to oust the Kremlin-backed Kabul government.

With the pullout just under way, one Afghan rebel group

announced plans to move its main

bases from Pakistan back to

Afghanistan in apparent violation

of an international pact guaran-

The first convoy of Soviet

troops leaving the country rode

into Kahul after a harrowing

eight-hour journey from the east-

Renter correspondent Helen

Womack, travelling with the con-

voy, said crowds in Jalalabad

pelted the 1,200 departing sol-

diers with flowers - but some

Afghans threw clods of mud and

One Soviet officer said there

had been no casualties from firing

that came from the hills as the 300

armoured personnel carriers and

teeing the Soviet retreat.

ern base of Jalalabad.

its challenge to Damascus.

Hizbollah's fighters have seized control of the slums in 10 days of savage fighting with Amal, which is led by Justice Minister Nabih

When the fighting began, Hiz-bollah only held about one-third of the district that borders Beirut Kanaan declined to say

whether the Syrian decision to move into the slums was taken in coordination! with fran. Kenaan cut off a reporter who

asked whether the Syrians would

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Soviets begin Afghan pullout

almost total absence of civilians.

music, Afghan and Soviet troops

throwing paper flowers and flags

lined the roads in separate groups

and officers took the salute from

stands erected along the route to

youths holding up banners of welcome, the local people

the armoured vehicles went by

and old men tilling their land scarcely bothered to look up at as

the personnel carriers roared.

of Kabul to spend the night at a

depot north of the city heside the

An official send-off ceremony

was planned for Monday, when

the soldiers from Jalalabad and

apparently others from Kabul

were to set off north for the

The departure of the Jalalabad-

Salar, tunnel and the border with

The vehicles skirted the centre

Villagers stared impassively as

ignored the event.

outskirts of Kabul at 3:30 p.m. based soldiers marked the first

(1000 GMT) to a welcome of stage of a withdrawal sought by

military entbusiasm and an most of the world community

Apart from groups of children
waving at the passing show and
Under the pacts, Afghan

Loudspeakers blared Afghan troops into Afghanistan late in

40 missing after Iraqi raid on Larak; 'day of black disaster' Tehran accuses U.S. of collusion

DUBAI (Agencies) - Tugs battied Sunday to save ships crippled by one of the worst Iraqi raids in the Gulf tanker war and Iran accused the United States of collusion in the attack on its Larak

oil terminal. Gulf shipping sources said up to 40 seamen were missing after the raid Saturday, in which Iraqi jcts bombed four tankers at the

terminal in the southern Gulf. Lloyds shipping intelligence said 16 bodies had been recovered from the 564,739-tonne Liberian-flag Seawise Giant, the world's biggest ship.

Shipping sources told Reuters tugs put out fires on the supertanker late Sunday but the vessel, used to store crude at the terminal, was in danger of sinking. Tehran Radio said U.S.

warships in the Gulf had helped the Iraqis by jamming the radar and radios of Iranian fighter

"The United States will pay for exerting pressure on the Iranian people," the radio said.

The radio said the Iraqi jets, which shipping sources said dropped more than a dozen 200kilogramme parachute bombs on the tankers, had flown over the U.S. warships on their way back to base.

into a quagmire which is easy to enter - but getting out of it will flag. cost the Americans very dearly,' the radio said.

Shipping sources and diplomats said Iran's likely response to the Larak raid was difficult to predict after clashes between its navel lest U.S. warships in the Gulf last month in which six Iranian vessels were sunk or damaged.

since the Soviet Union sent its

Moscow and Washington,

which has armed the rebels, put

themselves up as guarantors in United Nations-mediated accords

signed in Geneva last month by

Under the pacts, Afghanistan

and Pakistan agreed not to inter-

fere in each other's internal

But in the Pakistani border

town of Peshawar, rebel leader

Abdurrab Rasul Sayyaf said he

had ordered his men back across

volved in education, bealth or

Sayyaf's Itttehad-i-Islami

group is one of seven Peshawar-

based organisations making up the Islamic alliance, which bas

rejected the Geneva agreements.

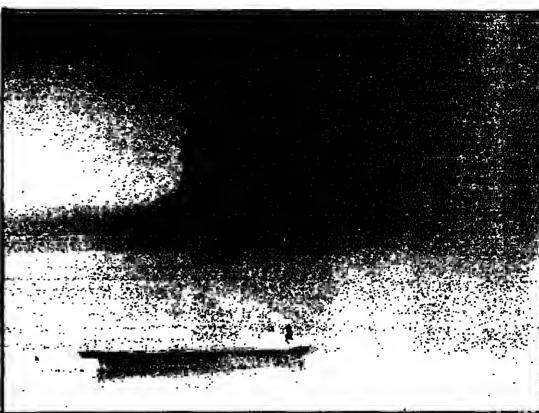
Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani

flew to Moscow Sunday after

Pakistan's Minister of State for

the border, except for those in-

refugee work.



tanker lies at anchor in the Gulf as a pall of where at least five tankers were hit in an Iraqi raid noke rises from Iran's Larak oil loading facility Saturday

Washington announced its By backing Iraq, the United navy would in future protect States is turning the Persian Gulf neutral ships in the Gulf even if they did not fly the American

Carlucci: U.S. cannot promise Mideast peace

Israeli conflict.

Speaking to the annual conference of the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). a powerful pro-Israeli lobby group, Carlucci also predicted the United States would increase its purchases of Israeli-made milit-

The United States has long sought to play a part in bringing peace to the Middle East, and we bave every intention of con-tinuing that effort," Carlucci

"While our current approach is realistic and workable, we have no blueprint for peace that guarantees the end of conflict. But we do know that one element is indispensable: Any peaceful solution worthy of the name must

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz is due to return to the

WASHINGTON (R) - Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci said Sunday the United States could not guarantee that its new peace initiative for the Middle East would bring an end to the Arab-

ary equipment.

provide for the security of all parties," he said.

(Continued on page 5) Middle East next moutb-

The Iranian navy — badly weakened in its battle with the U.S. navy — has made no attacks on merchant shipping since the wider U.S. protection policy was

Irag's Ai Jumbouriah newspaper said Sunday: "The attack on Larak will not be the last as long as Iran continues to reject peace and use its oil revenues to finance aggression." The editorial in the government publication reflected tragi determination to escalate its effort to throttle its Gulf enemy's

Saturday's was the third raid in other details. crude oil brought from Kharg ble for U.S. distress assistance. a island in the northern Gulf by Iran's own fleet of shuttle

To reach the facility, the Iraqi planes must fly more than 1,200 kilometres each way, requiring mid-air refuelling en route to and from the target. The Gulf executives could not

immediately verify Iraq's claim Sunday that its planes hit a "very large maritime target," a usual reference to a supertanker, in a nighttime raid.

A military spokesman told Baghdad Radio that planes scored "an accurate and effective hit on the target" before returning safely to base. He did not give

The Ships and crewmen attackinternational tankers pick up ed by Iraq Saturday were ineligi-

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Conservatives lose more ground in Iran elections

Ministry announced parliamentary election results Sunday which indicated further losses for conservatives in a second round of voting.

Seventy-nine seats in 52 constituencies were contested in Friday's polls after most deputies to the 270-beat parliament were the private sector. elected in the first hallot five

A ministry official told Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia, that nearly 900,000 people voted in Tehran Friday compared with 1.6 million in the first round.

Half the capital's 30 deputies elected in the two votes were radicals backing policies favonring the public sector and only three came from a conservative faction advocating free market policies. The rest were endorsed hy both groups.

Analysts said results from the

NICOSIA (R) — Iran's Interior provinces also helped to boost the pro-public sector group's major-ity in the Islamic consultative assembly (Majlis). The radicals are expected to

> Majlis over the next four years to pass a series of important economic laws tightening controls on Such measures could still be

use their stronger hold on the

vetoed by the 12-man Guardian Council, which is dominated by conservatives. But a strong vote in the Majlis

was likely to carry weight in a special body created by spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in Fehruary to settle disputes between the parliament and the council. The conservatives could muster

up to 100 votes in the outgoing parliament. (Continued nn page 5)

Brief but bitter election campaign seen in France

Soviet Uzbekistan.

PARIS (Agencies) - France prepared for a brief but bitter general election campaign Sunday as an opinion poll indicated Socialist President Francois Mitterrand would succeed in returning his party to power.

Mitterrand, reelected president

a week ago, dissolved parliament Saturday night and called a snap general election, to be held in two rounds June 5 and 12. The 71-year-old president is

hoping to build on his popularity to regain control of parliament, dominated by allies of the outgoing prime minister and defeated presidential challenger, Jacques Chirac.

According to an opinion polipublished Sunday, the Socialist would win an absolute majority of the 577-seat National Assemhly (Lower House of Parliament) with 41 per cent of the vote.

Chirac's centre-right coalition, which defeated the Socialist in a 1986 election, has a six-seat rise of Jean-Marie le Pen's anti- appeal to the centre of the French

immigrant National Front. Mitterrand was accused of fool-

ing voters with bis "united France" campaign under which be promised to broaden his support to include non-Socialist and not to call a general election unless parliament blocked his government. Extreme rightist Le Pen de-

clared: "It's an ambush. Mitterrand's 'united France' campaign was nothing but a trick and he wants to exploit his victory to impose Socialist hegemony. Mitterrand, bowever, said he

was calling early elections as the Socialist-dominated government of Prime Minister Michel Rocard needed a "stable and solid" parliamentary majority.

The outgoing assembly was controlled by Chirac's conservative Rally for the Republic Party (RPR) and the centre-right Union for French Democracy

The president named Rocard, majority but is threatened by the a popular Socialist with wide



Francois Mitterrand

Socialist representation for his Valery Giscard d'Estaing, a candidates on the right.

The dissolution of the assembly was termed inevitable by Socialist leaders. For the conservatives did

"Mr. Mitterrand ceded to double pressure, that of the Socialist for his government and this did Party whih dreams of regaining an absolute majority in the National Assembly, and that of Michel Rocard who did not have the courage to present himself before parliament," said Jean-Claude Gaudin, leader of the UDF group in the outgoining

assembly.

Centre-right politicians were split on whether the dissolution marked the end of Mitterrand's much-publicised bid to open up his government to non-socialists. Several said Mitterrand never intended to open up his government to the centre and wanted to

keep power for the socialists. political spectrum, as his new premier. But Rocard was unable to find more than token non-socialist representation for his constant of the socialist representation for his power solution. "How can you open up politics by getting both halves of France to fight it out in a general electron."

But centre-right economist Raymond Barre, a defeated challenger in the presidential election, said Mitterrand was right to seek a strong parliament majority not exclude a broader coalition in the future. "What is important is that the

president and the government prove their openness towards other political trends." Barre said in a television interview.

The divisions foreshadowed what is expected to be a bitter struggle for control of the central between the Socialists and Chirac's Gaullist-led alliance.

Socialists are considering a "republican front" to attract any centrists who reject the centreright's often ambivalent attitude to the National Front.

Chirae's lieutenant have ruled out any national alliance with the National Front, but commentators say this does not exclude local arrangements to avoid rival

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Exercise of academic freedoms in Palestinian universities of the occupied Arab territories

This is the first part of a six part series in which the exercise of academic freedoms in Palestinian universities of the occupied Arab territories are discussed. This study was presented to the UNESCO at its hundred and twenty-seventh session by Father Edouard Bone.

Rapporteur

The author spent several weeks at UNESCO headquarters: On March 13, 1986 he met the Director-General and the Assis-

From May 12, 1986 onwards he studied the available documentation and heard the initial testimony of personalities at UN-ESCO headquarters.

From July 13 to 19, 1986 he examined the documentation available at the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, in

In August 1986 he heard further testimony in the United States of America from teachers and various personalities recognised as having experience in the academic situation on the West

He stayed in Amman from March 10 to 20, 1987, where he met presidents and rectors of universities, officials in charge of education in the occupied territories, ministers, religious leaders, and other personalities. He saw a number of films shot during incidents oo the West Bank. This provided an opportunity for holding fruitful discussions and ascertaining the facts with some 50 personalities, most of whom have direct, loog-standing experience of conditions in universities on the West Bank and Gaza.

During the spring of 1987, the Rapporteur was received on several occasions by the Permanent Delegate of Israel to UN-ESCO, in Paris.

Finally, from July 13 to 24 1987, the Rapporteur was received in Israel by the international Organisations Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel; this provided an opportunity for numerous contacts with the authorities responsible for the administration of the territories and other personalities in a position to provide additional information on the exercise of academic freedoms in the Palestinian universities.

The Rapporteur wishes to exall those who took so much time and trouble in helping him collect Amman, or in Cairo, but also in as much detailed and precise information as possible and in assisting him so efficiently in carrying out his assignment.

Altogether he was able to meet personally and bear testimooy from some 50 people who, in various capacities, have had experience of and responsibility for academic life in the occupied territories. A comparative study of these interviews and the corroboration to which they have been subjected constitute, it is hoped, a guarantee of the objectivity of the report submitted here. They are at least conducive to a more bouring countries, tighter restric-

Information gathered by the Critical appraisal and a clearer analysis of the available written material supplied to the consultant in Paris and Geneva for informatioo.

In the interest of brevity, and also of discretion so as not to compromise his informants, the Rapporteur will oot quote any tant Director-General for Educaames in this report.

> Academic life on the West Rank and in Gaza

The institutions: Background and justification

The Palestinian universities of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip serve a population of some 1.338,000 iohahitaots (about 813,000 and 525,000 respectively for the two territories).

There are eight university institutions operating in the territories, with a total studeot population of some 17,000. They

ments of Jordan and Egypt on admission to the universities of Amman and Cairo, and the traditional resistance of Arab families to sending their daughters to study away from home, particularly to a foreign country, quite naturally prompted the establishment on the West Bank and in Gaza of institutions responding to as B Ministry of Education. With the oew wisbes and needs of the a view to avoiding centralisation, Palestinian populatioo. Notwithstanding its protestations the Israeli government does not seem to have taken the initiative in these developments, oor does it provide finance for them. It did at least allow such institutions to come into being or to acquire university status as from 1972-1973. Some teo or 15 years later on, it is possible to see what has beeo achieved, and to appreciate the aggregate of human and financial investment put into university education hy various sources, for the greater benefit of young people in the occupied territories. The difficulties encountered by these institutions in operating normally must on no account be overlonked. It is necessary to assess to the achieve-

Approximate number of	students
Birzeit University (1972)	2,400
Bethlebem University (1973)	2,000
Al Najah National University (Nahlus) (1977)	4,500
Hebron Technical Engineering College (1978)	800
Islamic University (Gaza) (1978)	4.500
Arah College of Medical Professions (El Bireh) (1979)	250
Hebron University (1980)	1,750
College of Science and Technology (1981) (Abu Dis)	700

It is estimated that some 30,000 pupils complete secondary education each year after passing the Tawjihi examioatioo (equivaleot of university matriculation or the French baccalauréat). Eight to ten thousand of them might be considered potential candidates for higher education. Until 1957 there were no universities, strictly speaking, to the territories, but only a few higher educational institutions, which were usually empowered to train secondary school teachers, and also some vocational and technical training colleges. It may be that there was less of an explicit need or demand for university education at the time. The relatively few Palestinian students usually went to press here his sincere gratitude to university elsewhere, for example across the Jordan, particularly in other Arab universities or even in

the West. come increasingly articulate trend would probably in any case have been an incentive to the creation of university institutions in Palestine. At the same time, however, a number of reasons financial and socio-cultural imperatives, administrative and political difficulties caused by the circumstances of occupation and the new relations with the neigh-

ments as objectively as possible so that their merits can be properly put on record and also to take stock of instances of dissatisfactioo so that ways can be sought of remedying them.

Resources

Founded, or at least endowed with university status, after 1967, all these institutions are "private", which means that they receive no financial support either from the Israeli government or, at least directly, from the Jordanian or Egyptian goverments, which neither instigated their creation. They are financed partly from students' fees and some local resources, but rely mainly on funds raised outside the occupied territories (patronage from various sources, the Arah states, primarily Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, AMIDEAST, In the past 20 years, demands the Jordan-PLO Committee, the for university education have be- Vatican, the Union d'Eglises,. etc.). The transfer of these funds throughout the world, and this to the territories as necessary can on occasion raise serious difficulties which we shall come back to later. In 1986 the total budget of these universities amounted to some \$36 million, about 50 per ceot going directly to the respective institutions and 50 per cent being distributed by the Council for Higher Education (the figures given here are subject to the

tions imposed by the govern- by the diversity of sources and minds not varied enough, or a of the information).

The Council for Higher Education was set up in 1977, after the ascertain the cause of the very founding of the first universities, those of Bethlehem and Birzeit. It was not therefore originally responsible for these university developments, and does not act which would be both artificial and dangerous, its role is consequently not one of initiative or direction, but rather of co-ordination, with due respect for the independent functioning of each institution and for its particular character. It includes representatives from the various institutions, professional associations and local municipalities. It is currently chaired by Doctor Anton Sansour, vice-president of Bethlehem University, and bas a permaneot executive body which takes care of the organisatioo's routine administration and organises its formal meetings, which are held twice a month, thereby guaranteeing regular cootacts among the university institutions. It has promoted some valuable studies aimed at improving teaching standards in the universities, creating new departments, ensuring financial backing, and providing training and further training for key personnel.

Why so many universities

As far back as 1979 a report by Professor Norman C. Hunt pointed out the risk inherent in the proliferation of universities on the West Bank and in the productioo of too many graduates. The two phenomena are in fact only partly connected. The number of universities may perbaps be surprising in view of the small size of the geographical area concerned. There are probably several reasons for this: The existence of a number of secondary schools which had been at the origin of these university developments; the fact that Palestinian universities are private, bence the absence of any planning for the expansion of universities in Palestine: the variety of schools of thought and beliefs which led to these universities' establishment, and the diversity of sponsors; certain practical difficulties in moving from one place tories, particularly from the West Bank to Gaza, and the difference between the Jordanian and Egyptian traditions inherited from secondary education; the administrative complications inherent in the presence of an occupying power, etc. This proliferation of small universities has its drawbacks. It inevitably creates a kind of rivalry which is oot always positive or constructive. It does have advantages, though, such as making the university establishment less vulnerable in the event of tension and conflict. The range of courses on offer is, however,

beneficiaries, and the very nature least insufficiently geared to the labour market in the territories. But in fact it is not easy to visible graduate employment affecting the Palestinian intelligentsia. It may be the result of the over-production of graduates by the universities. Alternatively a criticism ofteo levelled at the occupying power — it may be more directly the consequence of the unfavourable socio-economic conditions prevailing in the territories, due to the Israeli administration. It is a moot question, and one which does not come within the scope of this study. It cannot however he entirely overlooked, since academic freedom might be affected, depending on the possi-

> ble answer. Let us simply list the various. study courses available in the Palestinian universities:

At Bethlehem, Faculty of Arts (Arahic, Eoglish, Humanities and Social Sciences), Faculty of Science (Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics), Faculty of Commerce (Bosiness Administratioo), Faculty of Education, Nursing, Hotel Management and

At Birzeit, Faculty of Arts (Arahic, Archaeology, Education and Psychology, English, Middle-East Studies, Sociology and Anthropology), Faculty of Business Administration and Economics, Faculty of Engineering

'Eid Al Fitr

in Amman

Sunday of the chief Isla-mic justice that 'Eld Al Fitr begins Monday,

people thronged the

Sonk Al Ramadan in

plete their shopping for the feast. Photos show

two scenes from the

souk (Photos by Yousef

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The Hebron University (Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Mechanical Eoineering). At Al Najah National University, Faculties of Arts, Economics and Business Admi-

> and Engineering.
> At Hebroo University, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Education and Faculty of Shari'a.

At Hehroo Polytechnic, six Engineering Departments (Mechanical, Civil and Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Architecture, Glass and Ceramics) and an Arts Department. At Gaza Islamic University, Faculties of Shari'a, Education, Management Sciences and Nursing

and Technology, five science courses (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science); five technology courses (Technological Chemistry, Electricity, Computer Science, Medical Technology and nistration, Science, Educatioo Food Technology); and one Department of Science and Technol-

ogy Education. At the Arab College of Medic-Professions (El Bireh), a School of Nursing, a Department Medical Technology and a Department of Radiological Technology. (Plans are under way for a school of public health but authorisation has not as yet beeo received from the Israeli administration.)

There is some regret that there are too few technical and voca-

tional training colleges or that they are insufficiently developed. It is considered regrettable that the faculties of agricultural sciences and business administration are oot particularly favoured or are systematically opposed by the Israeli administration, since it is argued that such courses would offer useful outlets at a time when graduate unemployment is seriously affecting graduates in the over-predominantly arts and science subjects taught in West Bank universities. This is one of the restrictions oo academic freedom imposed by the occupying power, which strictly reserves the right to grant teaching beences. and demands their renewal annually. This restriction will be

discussed in detail below.





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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS & Plastic Art Festival by 30 Jordanian

usual reservations, necessitated

and Arab artists at Tower Building. ☆ Permanent book exhibition, at Tow-er Building, Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle.

☆ School exhibition, at Sukaina Bint Al Hussein School, Jabal Hussein. ☆ Festival of Islamic Heritage and Books at the Roman Theatre, Am-

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 6610267 Spanish Cultural Centre Turkish Cultural Centre 639777 Haya Arts Centre 665195
Hussein Youth City 667181/6
Y. W. C. A. 641793
Y. W. M. A. 664251
Amman Municipal Library 637111
Univ. of Jordan Library 843555 **MUSEUMS**

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00

naya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday. Folklore Maneum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman Congrise houses 0:10 a.m. - 5 a.m. centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Masenus: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4,00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

SERVICE CLUBS

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The Amman Lions Chab. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the every first and third wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings ev-ery second and lourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday
at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534,

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Ammuciation (Roman Catholic) Jahal Luweibdeh. Tel. De la Salle Charch (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Jabel Hussein, Tel. 661757.
Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic),
Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30
p.m. Tel: 622365
Church of the Anaunciation (Greek
Orthodoxi Abdali, Tel. 623541.
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman. Tel. 625383. chaplain's residence tel. 601359. Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh. Tel. 771331. Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fieh, Tel. 775261.

neh. 1cl. //3201. Sl. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Asimfich. Tel. 771751. Amman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani. Tel.

6/7354.
Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman. Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295. Rainhow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenial English Service: Salurday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605, Rev. Veli.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Tel. 815817, 82) 264

FOR THE TRAVELLER

QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL **AIRPORT**

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ARRIVALS ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

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0-30	Muscat, Dubai (RJ)
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0.40	Sana'a, Jeddah (RJ)
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17:45	Cairo (KI)
2-30	New York, Vienna (RJ)
0.45	Bangkok (RJ)
7:43	Casablanca, Tunis (RJ)
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:55	Baghdad (RJ)

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Yesierday's high temperatures: Amman 37, Aqaba 40. Humidity readings: Amman 12 per cent. Aqaba 18 per

MONEY EXCHANGE

Sunday rates Swiss Iranc 242: 251.2 U.K. sterling pound 641.7: 665.4 U.S. dollar 339.7/ 351.3 W. German mark 201.4/ 208.9

USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

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Amman downtown fire brigade 198
First aid 630341
Blood Bank 778303
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Shmeisani Hospital	
University Hospital	
Al-Muasher Hospital	NN7777/
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UNRWA teachers send memo to Vienna

AMMAN (J.T.) — A committee formed by UNRWA (the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees) teachers in Jordan has suhmitted a memorandum to the agency's commissioner general in Vienna offtining the demands of the teachers and their grievances.

The memorandum noted that since 1979 UNRWA teachers in Jordan have not received any increase on their salaries and that the agency's headquarters had ignored its own survey on the teachers' living conditions that might lead to the introduction of improvements in these condi-

Other demands included better health services and cost of living allowances.

Dead man found mear road in Rajeb

AMMAN (J.T.) - A body of a young man in his twenties has been found near a road covered with bushes in the district of Rajeb in the Irbid governorate, according to a report in Al Dustour Arabic daily.

The paper said that the body has been transferred to the Princess Busma Hospital for autopsy

and identification. According to the paper also, divers working for the Civil Defence Department have pulled out two bodies from pools at Ain Al Basha and North Shuneb. The bodies are of 18-year-old Hassan Ismail and 65-year-old Ahmad Saleb respectively.

Tabbaa, Fayez discuss services at Aqaba port

AMMAN (J.T.) - Ways to improve facilities at Aqaba port and saying that the cabinet lately mediantes, that could be intro approved of a scheme for setting Social for expendits canacity were discussed by Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Hamdi Tabbaa and the Jordanian Ports Corporation Director General Eid Al Fayez.

According to Sawt Al Shaab into one of the major ports on the Red Sea, and improving facilities for handling goods imported by the Ministry of Supply.

up a flour mill at Agaba to meet the needs of people in the southern regions of Jordan provided the private sector finance this pro-

In his latest tour abroad, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan inspected the Singapore port, the largest in the v the prospect of further boosting handling 120 million tonnes of the port's facilities to transform it goods annually and employing goods annually and employing 7,000 workers, the minister said.

According to the paper Aqaba port bandles seven million tonnes with the belp of 3,000 workers.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CONDOLENCES: His Majesty King Hussein Saturday delegated the Maan governor to convey his condolences to Ahu Tayeb family over the death of the late Nayef Dheilan Ahu Tayeh.

BRUNEI MINISTER: Minister of Religious Affairs in Brunei Haj Mohammad Zine Bin Haj Srourin will pay a four-day official visit to Jordan for talks with his Jordanian counterpart Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat on developing bilateral relations in the fields of Islamic

LONDON MAYOR: London Mayor will pay a visit to Jordan for talks with his Jordanian counterpart Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh on relations between the Jordanian and British capitals. The guest will also visit the Urban Development Department and tour its bousing

NEW ROADS: Ministry of Public Works Secretary General Sunday said that traffic on the desert highway has been diverted near Daba'a to the new road, which used to cause a lot of traffic jams.

SULGARIAN ENVOY: Bulgarian Ambassador to Jordan Yancho Demirev met here Sunday with Minister of Information Hani Khasawneh and discussed Jordanian-Bulgarian cooperation in the field of information.

JD 18,464 FOR NEEDY: The National Aid Fund (NAF) here has paid JD 18,464 in financial assistance to needy families during March and April of this year. The NAF office director said that the assistance benefitted 453 families in all parts of Karak governorate.

POLISH PRODUCTS: Poland will display a variety of its products in a week-long exhibition which will open at the Jerusalem International Hotel in Amman Saturday. A report in the local press said that the exhibition will be inaugurated by Tourism Minister Zuhair Ajlouni but the opening ceremony will be preceded by a press conference in which the Polish charge d'affaires in Amman will outline Jordanian-Polish ties and cooperation in touristic, economic

HINDAWI TO VISIT TUNIS: Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thougan Hindawi has accepted an invitation to visit Tunisia, extended to him by his Tunisian counterpart Mohammad Al Hadi Khalil, for talks on developing scopes of cooperation in the educational, scientific and cultural fields. The invitation was contained in a letter delivered to him by Tunisian Ambassador to Jordan Said Ibn Mustafa.

JD 68,000 FOR ROADS: Amman Municipality collected JD 08,000 in fees for asphalting roads, constructing road embankments and boundary walls, during the month of April.

180 TONNES OF MEAT: Snpply Ministry Saturday received 180 tonnes of imported meat for distribution to the selling centres throughout the Kingdom. This quantity will be sold to consumers until the first day of Eid Al Fitr, after which distribution of meat will cease until next Saturday.

EXHIBITION: Culture Minister Mohammad Hammouri Sunday inaugurated the first artistic exhibition of the Jordanian artist Mohammad Ahmad Qaddoumi at the Housing Bank Complex. The exhibition includes 50 plates depicting the development of drawing

Jordan has 2,055 qualified nurses

AMMAN (J.T.) — The total number of qualified nurses in the Kingdom now stands at 2,055 of whom 559 are non-Jordanians, according to a statistical bulletin prepared by the Health Ministry's Planning, Training and Research

Al Ra'i Arabic daily quoted the bulletim as saying that Jordan's nursing training centres have a capacity to train 280 nurses annually, and therefore by the end of 1988 there will be at least 1496 Jordanian nurses.

The bulletin predicted that the number of nurses will rise to 3,110 in 1995 and 4,130 by the end of the century when Jordan will need 4,387 nurses.

According to the bulletin, the number of midwives in Jordan now stands at 413 of whom 47 are non-Jordanians.

The midwives are trained in

nursing schools run by the Health Ministry, which turn out 45 of them every year, according to the hulletin which said that the total number of Jordan's midwives hy

the end of the century will be 818. The hulletin expected that the country will face a shortage of 50 midwives annually from 1995 onwards, and proposed that nursing schools should offer training to at least 85 midwives annually to meet the expected shortage.

The bulletin noted that the country now has 3,421 assistant nurses of whom 48 are non-Jordanians, but this is a far fewer number than the needs of the country.

By the year 2,000 it said the shortage in the number of assistant unrses will be reduced to 750 from 4,300 in 1988.

In March 1988, Health Minister Zaid Hamzeb, in a lecture

delivered in Agaba, said that Jordan still lacks sufficient number of nurses and midwives to work in health centres spread across the country.

Although more and more females are applying to nursing schools, the Health Ministry for the time being continues to make up for the shortage by employing foreign nurses, the minister

He said that the Health Ministry has concluded contracts withnurses from China and will shortly draw up contracts with nurses from Poland specialising in the treatment of mental patients.

The ministry is currently huilding an institute for training instructors in nursing, a project which would help to provide sufficient number of nurses in all fields, Hamzeh pointed out.

Jordan to mark Telecommunications Day

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan, along with other countries, Tnesday marks the International Telecommunications Day, which will be celebrated this year under the theme of "Transfer of Tech-

Jordan directs special attention to transfer of knowledge in the telecommunications, the Telefield of modern telecommunica-

It endeavours to apply such munications institute into a tele-knowledge at all stages of work, communications college, which evaluation of contracts, manufac- plications. turing and installing of telecommunication equipment, pre-testng operations, and maintenance.

In its keen interest to develop

communcations Corporation

(TCC) has developed its telecom-

including planning, designs, pre- offers a diploma in telecomparation of tender documents, munication science and its ap-

The college has thus far graduated four batches of trainees. The TCC also seeks to move a step farther by partly or totally manufacturiog telecommunica-

Workshop on eye surgery to begin

AMMAN (Petra) - A training said that surgeons, during the workshop and a seminar on eye surgery will open at the Jordan University Hospital on Saturday. A team from the International

Society of Surgery will take part in the four-day workshop along with a team from the United States, the University of Jordan. the Royal Medical Services, the Health Ministry and the private

The University of Jordan's dean of the Faculty of Medicine

workshop, will perform operations on Jordanian patients, especially related to the cornea and the plantation of lenses.

The operations will be telecast

work from the operation theatres techniques in eye surgery.

to the halls where participants and professors will discuss them in detail, according to the dean. He said that the coming workshop is of vital importance to Jordanian ophthalmologists who live through a closed circuit net- will be oriented on new skills and

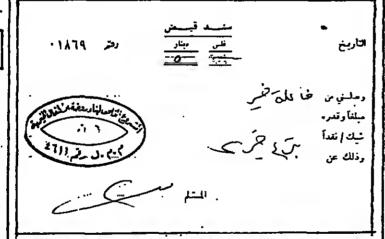
Seminar on population to start here Saturday

AMMAN (Petra) - A regional seminar on population and development of buman resources and their employment will be held at the University of Jordan Saturday.

Dr. Wadie Sharaiyha, dean of the university's faculty of economics and administrative sciences. said that the three-day seminar will discuss subjects related to development of population and human resources in Jordan, the local labour market, the role of education in development, types of non-Jordanian workers employed here and their economic

seminar, said that unemployment in Jordan and the role of various organisations in the development of human resources will also be discussed at the seminar.

The university, in cooperation with the Labour Ministry and the International Labour Organisation (ILO), 'is organising the seminar which will be attended by representatives of concerned authorities in Syria, Saudi Arabia, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the University of Jordan, the Labour Ministry, the Royal Scientific and social effect on the country. Society, the Department of Sta-Sharaiyha, who is chairman of tistics, the Ministry Planning and a committee preparing for the the Social Security Corporation.



The receipt given by the imposter with a seal but no address of the

Imposter collects funds for imaginary society

says was issued by an imposter make sure that the money was posing as a fund-raiser for a being used for charity. charitable society.

The imposter, has been making house calls and collecting funds for the imaginary charitable society's endeavour to build a kinder-

The holder of the receipt con-

AMMAN (J.T.) — Al Dustour tacted the General Union of Voluntary Society's President Arabic daily has published a Voluntary Society's President photocopy of a receipt which it Abdullah Al Khatih in order to

Khatih, the report said, immediately contacted the police reporting the imposter's actions. According to the report proper measures are being taken to apprehend the imposter.

GUVS to raise annual contributions to charity

banks of Jordan to JD 450,000, in Marka. according to Al Dustour Arabic

AMMAN (J.T.) - The General needed for training the hand-Union of Voluntary Societies icapped at GUVS centres, and (GUVS) has decided to raise the that JD 30,000 have been allocating of its annual contributions caled initially for the construction ceiling of its annual contributions to charitable societies in both of Hamzeh Rehabilitation Centre

According to Khatib, JD 2,000 bas been allocated as a contribution towards improving bealth The paper quoted GUVS President Abdullah Al Khatih as JD 400 will be distributed to saying substantial sums have been women prisoners at rehabilitation allocated for financing equipment centres in Jweideb and Qafqafa.

RSS News

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) has began publishing its first monthly English language issue of "RSS News," reporting on the society's activities, visits by its senior officials and scientific cooperation with other centres.

The RSS also published its 18th Arabic language issue which contains a variety of subjects dealing with the RSS's solar research activities, oxidation process in metal and other interesting sub-

Both issues are distributed free

reports society's activities

AMMAN - One area in which Jordan seriously lacks properly trained personnel is occupational therapy. Working in both special centres and hospitals to rehabilitate the sick and overcome permanent handicaps, the present handful of overseas trained occupational therapists currently working in Jordan, simply cannot meet the needs for their services. A fact that is brought home more forcefully by the estimate that there is sufficient work to Jordan to keep between 70 and 100 qual-

By Meg Abu Hamdan

Special to the Jordan Times

full employment.

Team studies needs of

Mafraq governorate

ified occupational therapists in In order to exolore ways of

MAFRAQ (Petra) - A icam from the Ministry of Planning is currently conducting a field study of the Mafraq governorate to determine its needs, according to the Mafraq governor.

He made the statement at a meeting of various heads of govemment departments involved in development projects in the govemorate, and district governors.

The governor said that various issues pertaining to the development of the eastern regions of northern badia districts near Mafrao were fiscussed, and projects underway in these areas were

The badia regions near Mafrao embody nearly 56 per cent of the total bedouin population of

meeting this urgent need a group of interested organisations led by the Al Hussein Society for the Physically Handicapped and the General Union of Voluntary Services have got together to produce a four year long project. The initial aim is to equip a special centre and bring experts

to Jordan to establish training

people for occupational therapy

Jordan lacks properly trained

courses in occupational therapy. In the meantime four qualified lordanian nurses will be sent abroad to train in order to ultimately take over the running of the courses from these experts, in effect to make Jordan self-sufficient in an important paramedical profession

started by non-governmental organisations, the Ministries of Health, Higher Education and Social Development are being kept fully informed. The estimated cost of estab-

Although this project has been

lishing the training facilities is expected to reach JD 150,000, about one quarter of which is being sought from the European Economic Community.

While some has been pledged by various interested parties. more than JD 100,000 will have to be raised by charitable appeals.

The first event scheduled to raise money for the establishment of a school of occupational therapy is Mrs. Hafida Latta's tea

Due to take place on Sunday, May 29th, at 4.30 p.m., Mrs. Latta's tea party promises to be as lively as these affairs have always been in the past with lots of delicious cakes and parties to eat, impressive raffle prizes and other entertaining events.

Previous years tea parties have raised large sums of money for other charines and Mrs. Latta hopes this year will be even more successful. this year will be even more suc-

Tickets, available from the British Council. are JD 5.

(Continued from page 1) 40 missing after raid

State Department spokeswoman

"The supertankers were inside one of the exclusion zones, which both belligerents have declared and they were servicing the port of a he!ligerent." spokeswoman Sondra McCarty said. "Each of these factors disqualifies shipping

from U.S. distress assistance. U.S. warships are now permitted to intervene on request in attacks on neutral shipping as well as to provide "bumanitarian aid" to non-U.S. flagged vessels, but only in international waters.

Jordan's studios take big strides

Mariam Suahin Special to the Jordan Times

JORDAN'S relatively young television and cinema industry is on the verge of breaking into the ranks of the top production stu-dios in the Arab World, according to Zeid Fareez, production manager at Jordan Studios, the Jordan Company for Television and Cinema Production, (JCTV).

"Jordan Studios ranks among the top four production companies in the region," according to Fareez. "In terms of quality and quantity of the productions, it is probably the most produc-tive." The company is rapidly becoming one of the most successful in the Arah World.

"Other production studios," says Fareez, "mostly in the Gulf countries, are the 'competition' and are generously backed hy their local financiers. These local financiers do not, on the whole if they are geared to the inter-Arab market. If you consider the financial resources that we have in Jordan, we are being backed generously by both the private and the public sectors. Aid from other Arab countries is not reaching us, however. Each area wants to develop its own industry, that is perfectly understandable, but the market in the Arzh World is of a limited size, therefore, practically there should be some sort of collaboration in coordinating production. This would be the key to a large scale success of TV and cinema production in Jordan as well as the rest of the Arab World."

Last year 15-18 television series produced by Jordan Studios were marketed all over the Arab World. They included dramas, soap operas, varieties, educational series and documentaries, historical as well as religious pro-

grammes. According to Fareez, the 250 filmed hours that the company produces every year meet the different needs of the Arab TV audience, being sufficiently varied in style and technique to make the programme both educational and entertaining."

"Our target market is exclusively Arah. It includes, the Gulf, Saudi Arabia, North Africa, Syria, Libya, Iraq, Egypt, Ye-men," Fareez says. "The dialogue is usually in modern stan-dard Arabic, which everyone can understand. So there is no regional character being imposed."

For a long time our fellow Arabs, who had not visited Jordan, thought we were a purely desert bedown society. This is the only thing they could conclude from the serials we were producing for quite some time, we were exposing bedouin and village life in Jordan. Now we bave become concerned with changing this particular image of Jordan. We want to expose the development plans, Farcez. The majority of the company's

actors that are hired on a contract paid \$1.5 million and Jordan Telebasis are from other countries in vision paid \$500,000." the Arab World. "This is an "The rationale b extremely beneficial atmosphere programme was that reading is for Jordanian actors and other the key to literacy, and literacy is professionals to work in, for it the 'master key to knowledge'.

gives them the opportunity to The assumption being that delearn from others and exchange velopment and literacy go hand in expertise. Our situation is some band. In some Arah countries the how unique, we are in the middle . literacy rate is as low as 20-25 per of an ingathering of Arab talents cent, in one or two it reaches from all over the Arab World, 80-85 per cent. Literacy in Arabic North Africa, the Levant as well is possible only through the use of as the Gulf, Saudi Arabia, and of standard Arabic, and there is a course Egypt. We are at the critical sbortage of qualified centre of the Arab World geog- teachers. Television bas the

the chance to eliminate inter-Arab (regional) differences or at least to create familiarity with the different pieces of our culturally mosaic region. This makes us avant-garde," Fareez points ont. One documentary series has

been produced for export beyond the houndaries of the Arah World, it is a series of programmes on Islamic art and heritage. It was filmed in Algeria, Morocco, Turkey, Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Jordan Studios plans to market it in Europe with subtitles or through duhhing, in English, French and German.

There is another project which, once finished, will be marketed both in and outside of the Middle East. It will be about famous women in the Arab World.

According to Fareez, "the most successful series that we have produced so far bas been the educational series Al Manaahil. It received the silver medal at the Baghdad festival. I want to stress the social programmes, the con- me because I believe that very structional changes that Jordan is few people realise the kind of going through. The current social work that goes into a programme dilemmas will be dealt with more than they were before," says Agency for International Development contributed the bulk 82 full time employees are Jordanians, bowever, most of the lion, the Jordanian government

"The rationale bebind the raphically. This situation gives us potential to be an invaluable educational medium that remains vir-

tually untapped in the Arab World. TV could fill the highly desirable function as major social and educational tool for change. The Al Manazhil series is the first attempt to teach reading skills which stress uniform standard language," says Fareez. A multinational

advisory board was formed to identify linguistic needs of Arab children. Countries represented on this board were Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, North Yemen and Jordan. The series was designed as a supplement to the schools in

guage skills to children from ages six to 10. Modero standard Arabic was used in the show, making the language uniform. One bundred and fifty films were shot on location throughout

teaching basic reading and lan-

the Arab World, they included historical and monumental sites to give the show a pan-Arab the importance of this program. • "Planning and producing the plete. A research team from the

series took 22 months to com-University of Jordan presented results of a study that tested the pilot programmes among target audience children in order to aid staff and advisors better understand how children would respond to the programmes. The researchers included children of different age groups and socialeconomic backgrounds as well as urban and rural residents in their study in order to fully validate their findings," according to

Although JCTV has come a long way since it was founded in 1981, it looks to more inter-Arah investment and cooperation in order to enter the internationally competitive market in full swing. We must learn to work together — it is a message we aim to

transmit through our educational programme" Fareez concluded.



A scene from Al Manahil educational programme

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Stop the music, send the mediator

UNITED States State Department spokesman Charles Redman's characterisation of Secretary of State George Shultz' Middle East peace plan as "the only workable alternative" to the violence in the region is more generous than it is truthful. Never mind. What did we expect Mr. Redman to say of his boss' plan: "Nice try. George, but no cigar?

Redman's attitude strikes us as peculiarly arrogant, and, vis-a-vis the recent history of Middle East diplomacy, peculiarly American. It is presumptuous of the United States to see itself as the purveyor of the only workable alternative to anything, let alone to regional peace arrangements. But, as we said, never mind. It is part of the burden of being a superpower to have an exaggerated sense of one's importance.

For sure, Mr. Shultz does well to keep plugging away at his Middle East diplomacy. Nobody ever said his task would be easy, or quickly accomplished. After all, the main obstacle facing him is one of his own country's doing: He tries to promote Middle East peace among Arabs and Israelis with one hand, while with the other he signs strategic cooperation accords and \$3 billion plus annual aid grants for Israel, and issues repeated statements that American policy is based firmly on maintaining the superiority of Israel's military over the combined forces of its Arah adversaries. What are we supposed to do when faced with such a partisan in mediator's clothing? Break out in a chorus of "Hallelujha, George, Blessed are the Peacemakers?"

It must be hard being a supergower which pledges all its super powers to one side in a regional conflict which it is also trying to help adjudicate to the satisfaction of the two sides in the region. No wonder, therefore, that Mr. Redman says outrageous and simplistic things. Our feeling is that the Arab World should make it clear to the United States, and to Mr. Shultz, that we welcome genuine mediation, and we welcome an American effort to help resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict through negotiations. But we are fed up with vain glorious and self-congratulatory nonsense from superpowers who would try to cover up their fundamental partiality by showering themselves with mountains of diplomatic whipped cream and strawberries, in order to dwell in a perfectly moral world presided over by American political traditions and ethical ives too as the great and fair folk ions. By setting thems of the world, the Americans risk having to fall all that much further when the whipped cream melts, and the strawberries wilt. Send us mediators, for sure, but spare us the violin music.

Arabic press editorials

Al Ra'i: Iraq's heroic stand

JORDAN bas welcomed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in Amman and held talks with him on developments in the Arab World and the situation in the Gulf region. They reviewed the great successes of the Iraqi armed forces which resulted in the ultimate liberation of the Fao peninsula. In their review of the situation in the occupied Arab territories, the two leaders paid tribute to the heroic stand and the sacrifices of the Palestinians and their just struggle for freedom. It is natural that these talks assume great significance specially as they come at a time when the Arabs are oecoming more convinced that they hold the initiative and that a just and honourable peace is not far from the reach of strong hands that can confront external enemies and thwart Iran's aggression. Jordan's support for Iraq has never wavered, and the Iraqis have proved to the world that the recession of Arab strength bas ended and that all forces are now being rallied to forge ahead towards liberation, peace and stability. This power is making itself felt, in the first stage, at the eastern flank of the Arab World where the Iraqis are involved in ending the Gulf conflict despite Iran's intent on pursuing the fighting.

Al Dustour: Saddam Hussein in Jordan

IRAQI President Saddam Hussein's working visit to Jordan and his meetings with His Majesty King Hussein represented a new move towards bolstering Jordanian-Iraqi relations and boosting inter-Arah action. The meeting gives further impetus to the successful outcome of the November Amman Arab summit meeting and the solidarity among Arabs which was achieved at that summit. The Iraqi president's visit comes in the wake of the great victory achieved by the Iraqi armed forces in the Fao peninsula where the Iranian invaders were cleaned out from Arab territory and given an unforgettable lesson. The two leaders meetings in Amman during this holy month will no doubt contribute most lavourably not only towards promoting bilateral relations but also in further boosting collective Arah action. The meeting was deemed necessary at a time when the Arab World is dealing with very critical conditions and facing a dangerous situation that require closer consultations and coordination of efforts. We welcome the Iraqi president in Jordan and pay tribute to his leadership of the Iraqi people and armed

Sawt Al Shaab: Iraq defends nation

JORDANIAN-Iraqi talks in Amman point to the fact that Jordan is maintaining its leading and distinguished role in rallying the Arabs and unifying their ranks. They mean that Arab leaders are not sparing any effort in their drive to confront and thwart the plans and the conspiracies of the Israeli and Iranian enemies. Jordan, through its constant efforts, succeeded in achieving a fruitful and successful Arab summit meeting in November, thus paving the ground for inter-Arab action at all levels. Iraq, through its heroic defence of the Arab land and Arab Order succeeded in thwarting the Persian enemy's dreams and its intention of sowing seeds of dissension within the Arab Nation and distorting the true image of Islam. Iraq which has been involved in a prolonged war in defence of the Arab Nation was not distracted from joining other Arab countries in working together for preserving solidarity and strengthening to ranks of the Arah World. The great victory achieved at the Fao peninsula did not divert the Iraqi leadership's attention from the chronic problems plaguing the Arab Nation.

Let's give tourism a chance

By Waleed Sadi

JORDAN is a country which strives on tourism and invests lavishly on the promotion of tourism to its historical sites. In fact the whole success story of the national air carrier, Royal Jordanian, is dependent on easy and unbindered access and travel to the Kingdom's lands and touristic attractions.

Yet existing and applicable regulations imposed by the Ministry of Interior makes it almost impossible for the citizens of over 70 countries to obtain entry visas to this country within a reasonable time. Some of the countries affected by the apparent and overtly harsh treatment metted to their citizenry include friendly countries like Turkey and Pakistan.

The unduly harsh impediments put in the face of would-be visitors to our country include the need to submit applications for visas to the Jordanian embassy or consulate in place which in turn transmit such applications to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a journey which takes weeks. Once the applications are received by the concerned department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and duly registered, meaning the passage of several additional days, the applications are forwarded to the Ministry of Interior where they are processed at a snail-pace speed. Often the applicants would require sponsors in Jordan who may also have to file bonds in support of the applicant. Then the long tedious journey back to the applicant begins commencing with the usual stop stations, i.e., the Ministry of Foreign Affairs onto the embassy and finally to the applicant. Such a long bureaucratic odyssey consumes a good 30 days and upward. By that time if the applicant is not in desperate, need to travel to Jordan be or she would have given up hope and lost the desire to see the country.

No one would quarrel with the need to preserve the security and protect the stability of our country. This is a most honourable and vital objective and all our concerned authorities encharged with these noble aspirations deserve our sincerest appreciations and gratitude. But this country has distinguished itself throughout its glorious lastory as a country of reason, moderation and plain common sense. These qualities have been the most redeeming landmarks that separated and distinguished this country of ours from the other countries which do not value common sense and reasonable means to arrive at even the most cherished and vital goals. If we succumh to the archaic ways of the others, we would

surely loose our identity and characteristics.

This is however, exactly what we are caught doing in the

treatment we have been according our would-be visitors, whether tourists or business men and women or otherwise. One can understand and indeed sympathise with all sincere efforts to screen out the undesirables be they the security-risk people or plain labourers and even house maids who flock to our midst in search of employment in a manner and style which are inconsistent with our laws and traditions.

Can we not accomplish such legitimate missions without unduly interfering with the normal traffic of would be tourists and business people, whose only desire is to enjoy our country and spend their time and money on our country, intending to promote trade and commerce with us or to initiate contacts with us on cultural or artistic levels?

Have we lost so much faith in the ability of our diplomatic missions abroad to distinguish between a legitimate and bona fide tourist or business man from the people who have questionable backgrounds or devious motives. Better still, can't our diplomatic missions have a free hand and enjoy reasonable discretion to give out visas to certain categories of would be visitors to our country such as doctors, lawyers, business people, educators etc. etc. who are, prima facie, legitimate and safe and secure would be visitors and subject the other categories of visitors to the kind of scrutiny that is now applicable to all categories of visitors. As for the other categories of visitors we should endeavour to expedite the processing of their visa applications in a much shorter time through the use of the telex or faximile.

I can almost hear now the whisper often nttered by the sceptical and over zealous security conscious administrators in our country, wbo would offer the argument that the devil often arrives in disguise and wears the clothes of the innocent and legitimate in order to enter our country. But surely such contingencies can still he tackled in a more efficient way than the way being deployed

To begin with the diplomatic missions can ask for certain' documentations to corroborate the pretensions and representations of the applicants. A fall back procedure can also be employed which would involve the procedure of checking with a home base by swift and efficient means on the credentials of the applicants with questionable backgrounds.

Whatever means we adopt for such a purpose, for Gods sake, let them be geared to promote the overall and balanced interests of the country in the most sound and reasonable manner.

What we will have would be similar to what the developing and least developed countries are doing, their left hands do not know what their right hands are doing. And what usually ensues is the disappearance of synchronisation between various policy objectives with devastating consequences on the welfare of the country as a whole. Surely that is not the intention of our authorities concerned with the issuance of visas although that is what they have reaped

If I am accused of oversimplifying the case for prompt processing of visa applications and that I am taking for granted hearsay and illusionary depiction of the situation related to the procurement of visa, may I cite one of several verifiable stories, that came to my attention of late. The sister-in-law of a Turkish lady married to one of our illustrious deans at one of our prestigious universities came to visit ber sister. Sure enough her visa application took over a month inspite of the high standing of the husband of the lady in question. He happens to be a senior executive in a prominent Turkish company.

Having become impressed with Jordan which she has seen for the first time and charmed by its warm and hospitable people, she thought of asking her busband to come swiftly to Amman to share with her joys and happiness. Her dream became one of the many other similar dreams which simply could not be realised because of

our hureaucracy. She waited three whole weeks for her husband to arrive and finally gave up and advised him to cancel his travel plans because

time was up for her to return to her children and home. It turned out that the poor husband has in fact submitted his application for a visa three weeks ago and inspite of his impressive credentials, he stood waiting for a reply to his application more that long and the anticipated answer was no where in sight. Upon checking and double checking in Amman about the fate of his visa it became clear that it is still buried in the midst of the hundreds and hundreds of other visa applications waiting processing.

At the most optimistic expectations, the answer to his application would have taken two to three additional weeks. Who in good conscience can expect a would-be-tourist to go through the agonies of waiting that long to visit us. I thought that we seek tourists and seek them out everywhere to visit our beautiful country. Could some one please explain to me and the many stranded tourists how to deal with this irony, dissimily and cross purposes and objectives?

Poland: Events remind both sides of stakes of reform

By John Daniszewski The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland -- Poland's worst labour narest in nearly seven years has given authorities a warning: Plans to reform the Polish economy and political system are facing mounting public impatience.

But the opposition learned something, ton: the public is still not ready to try a repeat of 1980, when nationwide strikes eventually led to the imposition of martial law.

The latest string of five strikes, beginning April 25 among bus and tram drivers in western Poland and ending Tuesday night in the country's worst labour unrest since the 1981 martial-law crackdown on the Solidarity free trade

The strikes, which focused on demands for higher pay and union freedoms, contained echoes of August 1980, when Poland was electrified by a sudden national labour revolt that gave birth to

Before the East Bloc's first independent trade union was formally banned in 1982, it claimed 10 million members, nearly one out result of "dissatisfaction. ...we most vocal participants in the

of three Poles, and was far larger than the ruling Polish United Workers (Communist) Party. April and May 1988 followed a

different script. Although there were frequent expressions of concern and sympathy, the vast majority of the society hung back from any overt moves to belp the

Those who were the most militant this time were often members of a younger generation. They bad not experienced, as bad their elders, the disappointment and trauma of martial law that resulted from the strikes at the start of this decade.

"Polish society, critical though it is, wants to solve its problems in a climate of peace," asserted a commentary Wednesday by the state-run news agency PAP. History does not like to repeat itself. And this was exactly

what the aging veterans of Solidarity could not understand." But government spokesman Jerzy Urban said the unrest was instructive for the authorities and would cause them to redouble

efforts to reform the economic and political systems. He said the unrest was the

the impatience of people wbose lives are difficult. The authorities have been drawing conclusions from this situation.

Indeed, one day after the last strike, the Polish parliament unanimously passed a programme to speed up its plans to make the economy more efficient by giving it special powers to fire managers or take over enterprises that resist economic changes.

For Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, the failure of the strikes to expand this time was largely a matter of timing. Despite official propaganda that portrayed Walesa as the manipulator of events, he said repeatedly that the strike at the Lenin Shipyard this time caught him by surprise and came "ton early" to attract enough

support to be effective. Public dissatisfaction is building, be said. He said that if anthorities do not pursue reform more effectively — including dia-logue with Solidarity and other independent groups — the final result will be "bloody revolu-

Some of the students and yourger workers who were among the

latest protests were only in their early teens during Solidarity's

When the Lenin Shipyard strike committee in Gdansk, led by a 62-year-old engineer and chind the scenes by the 44-yearold Walesa, were agreeing to discuss a compromise in which the strikers would relinquish an immediate demand for recognition of Sobdarity, it was the younger generation that balked. Official comments were quick

to label the strikers' decision to leave the shipyard, even without a settlement, as the end of Soli-

"The myth of Solidarity's might has fallen," the PAP commentary said. It "turned out to be a small group which could not find support in big enterprises, incuding those in Gdansk, and even in the Gdansk shipyard it-

But a Western diplomat speculated it was too early to write Solidarity's obituary.

He said the group will continue to exist "because it continues to be a necessary focus for a whole band of postulates and opinions that exist among the Polish

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Prevention is better than cure

THREE elements should exist in a school health programme; Health services, a healthy environment, and health education

Teachers hold the key to the success of all three elements because of their special place in the community. Teachers can be trained in first aid and community diseases so they could help at the

However, teaching health subjects will have little impact on children unless the school itself had a healthy environment. A school should have good provision of sanitation, hygenic food processing facilities, and clean water.

Health education should begin at nurseries and continue throughout school stages. It should take place not only in the classroom but in cumunalty at large, Sharing in the Ministry of

Health campaigns is a good experience.

Health issues could be incorporated into other school subjects such as home economics, biology, environmental studies, physical education, agriculture, and even language. Art lessons can be used for painting health issues, music for health songs and religions for the discussion of values and relationships.

Mathematics provide many ways of bringing in health with survey exercises such as counting undaria breeding sites, counting and so on.

Teachers have to set good examples to children, continuous weetings must be held between parents, health workers and teachers to discuss health problems at school and within the community. Policies should be developed.

Selected leachers could take part in training programmes, that would equip them to act as health education coordinators for their schools, to instruct other teachers, or to supervise the introduction

Effective health education involves methods which develop children's understanding, and provide skills to solve problems and improve living conditions.

But health education at school can only lead to improved health if there were health promotion programmes within the community.

Health workers should join with teachers in a combined approach to primary health care in the community, an approach which would involve everyone.

> Mrs. Sabah Halasel Health education specialist, Ministry of Health

Brazil marks 100 years of abolition but blacks are bitter

By Roger Atwood Reuler

RIO DE JANEIRO - On Brazilian television, blacks are usually portrayed as maids, waiters or foul-mouthed criminals.

In real life many live in flimsy sbacks amid open sewers in sprawling shantytowns. Brazilian blacks, at least a third

of the population, mark 100 years of freedom from slavery this week but say they have not yet hroken the chains of poverty and Black leaders say they won't

join in the parades, public seminars and festivals of black culture the government planned to mark the centenary. "This is no time for celebration for blacks, but rather for reflec-

tion and action since most of us are living in conditions that are just as bad if not worse than in 1888," said black activist Leila

This May 13 is a national holiday, marking the date Princess-Regent Isabel signed abolition into law, making Brazil the last country in the western hemisphere to outlaw slavery.

Originally brought here from Africa by the Portuguese, slaves were a mainstay of the economy from colonial times. At the time of abolition, nearly a million slaves toiled in Brazil, mostly on huge sugar and coffee plantations where they often worked 18 hours a day, seven days a week. Since then, Brazil has come to

take pride in the unique fusion of European, African, Asian and native American roots. Brazilians often say their ethnic mix has given them a vigorous sense of national identity that belped them become an industrial powerhouse in the developing

Traces of racism But the abolition centenary has focused attention on whether blacks bave been left out of Brazil's heady economic progress and

roads on the white-dominated heights of power. Black activists bave been hammering home the message that society is laced with racism and that the end of slavery has bardly hrought a promised land for

wby they have made so few in-

There are few prominent blacks in business or banking, no black generals in the army, and only seven of the 559 members of

the Brazilian congress are hlack. One of them, black congresswoman Benedita da Silva, has introduced a bill that would toughen anti-discrimination laws hy barring hail for offenders - a common escape hatch for people arrested for bigotry in housing or

hiring. "The hill will pass, hut it's been difficult to convince people of the need for it. Most legislators do not recognise racism as a problem," da Silva, who represents the leftist Workers Party and lives in a Rio shantytown, told Reuters.

would turn the crumbling remains of the famed "quilombos," rural hamlets where runaway slaves settled, into national monuments. She seeks to incorporate these

are expected to complete by the end of next month. But it will take more than the stroke of a pen to erase racism. Last year a group of Rio lawyers founded an advocacy group called S.O.S. racism. which gives free legal advice to

on the basis of "racial prejudice." The group receives an average of two or three complaints a day but so far bas won no convictions. "We have come up against a wall of racism," said Regina Coeli, a lawyer for the group.

hlacks seeking redress under laws

that hroadly har discrimination

"Judges rarely admit that race plays a factor in discrimination and seek excuses by saying that the person was denied a job or housing because he was badlydressed or not financially sound."

Going to courts

In one celebrated case in 1984. a black woman filed suit against a trendy Rio discotheque after it refused to let her past the door because of ber colour.

She won the suit hut the disco owner avoided a six-month jail term hy putting up hail, as allowed by law.

After outraged black activists picketed the discotheque, the populist then-Governor of Rio de

Another of ber initiatives Janeiro Leonel Brizola ordered the discotheque to be closed for three days as punishment.

White Brazilians often cite cases of hlacks who came up from poverty to become millionaires, like soccer superstar Pele, as and other bills into Brazil's new constitution, which lawmakers proof that their society is free of prejudice.

> as a group are far more likely to live in poverty than whites, and are more likely to be victims of malnutrition and bad health care. In an opinion poll in the news-

But no one disputes that blacks

magazine veja last year, respondents were asked to define the ideal Brazilian president. Eightynine per cent said he should be "Just as racism permeates our

society, so too does the myth that racism doesn't exist here. That hasn't changed in 100 years," said Pedraza Silva De Deus, an organiser for a cultural and lobbying group called the Baick Cultural Research Institute. Successive governments have

been so eager to promote the image of a colour-blind society that they have kept almost no statistical breakdowns of Brazilians by race.

The most recent figures, published in 1980, showed that 45 per cent of Brazilians defined themselves as black, mixed-race or

Revisionist historians have made a frontal attack in recent years on the traditional view of Brazilian slavery as mild compared to slavery in the American

Global trade agreement —

By Ljiljana-Prosic-Krakovic

THE agreement on the global system of trade preferences (GSTP) adopted hy the Group of 77's ministerial meeting in Belgrade is the developing countries' first legal instrument for preferential trade and tariff concessions. The accord was signed by 48 countries after a meeting from April 6 to 13 first at senior experts' and then at ministerial level. The meeting was attended by 62 delegations, 11 observers and China as a special guest.

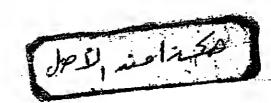
The participants assessed the agreement and the accompanying Belgrade Declaration as a turning point in South-South trade. Yugoslav Foreign Trade Secretary Nenad Krekic emphasised that the GSTP is not at cross purposes with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). On the contrary, it will add a new dimension to the existing regimes by stimulating world trade now crippled by various limitations and protectionism. The GSTP is a concrete step toward the fulfilment of the nonaligned and developing countries' longstanding aspiration to promote their position in international

challenge for South trade and economic life. It is expected to expand and promote South-South trade, boost self-reliance and lead to structural changes in the world economic

> GSTP participants will exchange tariff concessions with each other through bilateral rocity. However, the poorest countries will not be required to lower tariffs where it would be harmful to their interests. The system covers all products, manufactures and commodities. Concessions are extended to all participating countries on the basis of

most-favoured-nation treatment. The GSTP, in which more countries are expected to participate, is a dynamic instrument which will be negotiated and extended stage by stage. Follow up talks will be held to broaden the lists of products for which concessions will be exchanged in order to dismantle the remaining barriers to trade.

The system is not aimed primarily at increasing trade; a major goal is to set up closer production and financial links among the developing countries — Tanjug



Iran fights to stay in Lebanon

BEIRUT — Iran is fighting through Shi'ite militia allies in Beirut to preserve its only pow-er base on the Mediterranean,

say diplomats and analysts.
"Iran's drive in the war fought by its Lebanese militia allies in the suburbs is a fight for the survival of its power and influence," said one Western diplomat in Lebanon.

"(It) has put all its weight into maintaining its presence here, the strongest and most influential base it has outside Iran," he

Fierce battles have raged across that southern suburbs base since May 6 as the Iranianbacked Hizbollah (Party of God) clashed with the pro-Syrian Amal militia. The fighting has killed at least 180 people and wounded 550.

The battle for the streets of south Beirut has also been seen by political analysts as part of a jockeying for power with Amal ahead of Lebanon's presidential elections next September.

But its implications were wider for Iran and Syria, the other outside power with influence among Lebanese Shi'ites.

The Western diplomat noted that the battles followed severe military and political setbacks for Iran during the past two

Iraq drove Iran's troops from the Fao peninsula, the U.S. fleet attacked its oil platforms and navy, expanding American influence in the Gulf, and Saudi Arabia broke diplomatic ties with Tehran.

Iran regarded these developments as part of a U.S.-backed plot to force it to end the 71/2-year war with Iraq, the diplomat said.

Last month's 16-day Kuwait Airways hijacking was another blow, he said. It ended in Algiers without 17 pro-Iranian prisoners in Kuwait being freed as the gunmen had demanded. Tehran denied involvement

with the hijackers, but freed hostages said they apparently took arms on board while it was held at Iran's Mashhad airport. Amal defeated Hizbollah last

month in a bloody three-day fight for control of South Lebanon, a base for Palestinian and

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Women holding the Holy Koran demonstrate in west Beirut against the violent clashes between the Shi'ite Amai and Hizbollah militias

pro-Iranian Lebanese guerrillas

to attack northern Israel. Hizbollah makes no secret of its allegiance to Tehran. When the militia captured positions near Beirnt airport Friday, one of its first acts was to hoist the Iranian flag on a nearby

mosque. Hizbollah made significant territorial advances in the southern suburbs in the past week's fighting, opening up new opportunities to spread Iran's revolutionary creed among the estimated 600,000 Shi'ite residents.

\$5 million a month

Iran spends more than \$5 million a mouth in Lebanon to aid thousands of Shi'ites families, a Hizbollah official said. Militia fighters get \$100 a month in Iranian money.

A political source said Hizbollah triggered the fighting as a "precautionary measure" to consolidate Iran's foothold and to foil any moves to curb its influence in Lebanon. "South Lebanon was a tool

by which Iran could steer the political flow in the Middle east and affect the course of events," said an East European diplomat.

"Its political loss in the south was as severe as its military loss at Fao," he added.

Earlier this month, Israeli troops and their Lebanese militia allies thrust into the south-ern village of Maidoun and totally destroyed a Hizbollah stronghold.

Israel said around 40 Hizbollah men were killed in Maidoun, also a base for Iranian Revolutionary Guards, Hizbollah said it lost 20 men and Amal said three of its fighters were

Religious fervour

Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual mentor of Hizbollab, speaks with the same revolutionary fervour as Iran's ruling clerics.

"There is a international and regional scheme to freeze, crush and annihilate Islam in Lebanon for a certain price.

Islam is your responsibility." he told worshipers at Friday prayers in the suburbs.

Hizbollah, with some 5,000 fighters, wants to establish an Iranian-style Islamic state in

Amal demands political reforms to give Muslims a bigger share of power in the government with the Christians.

Hizbollah has repeatedly denied widespread charges that it was behind the seizure of many of the 22 foreigners missing and believed kidnapped in

But one Muslim politician said: "Through striking at fore-ign interests in Lebanon and by taking hostages, Iran has forced the Western world to bow and meet its demands. The suburbs is an operation room for Iran's activity in Lehanon."

Shi'ites, who comprise about I.2 million of Lebanon's 3.4 million people, are concentrated in east and South Lebanon and in Beirut's southern

Wreckage of U.S. helicopter spotted

BAHRAIN (AP) — The wreck-age of an American belicopter gunship that disappeared on the day of a U.S.-Iran clash last month has been found in the southern Gulf, marinme salvage

experts said Sunday.

A U.S. navy warship, along with two chartered tugboats and a seagoing crane were sighted in the area off Sharjah, indicating that an effort to retrieve the wreckage was under way, they

The warship was identified as the destroyer Merrill, one of the six vessels that took part in the April 18 fighting in which the United States destroyed two Iranian oil platforms and sank or disabled six naval craft.
The U.S. ...Marine Corps heli-

copter, an AH-1 Cobra, vanished several hours after the clashes ended, while on what the navy called a nighttime reconnaissance mission to check out an unidenti-

fied "presence" in the Gulf.
U.S. officials said the aircraft. flying off the guided missile Wainwright, disappeared shortly after its crew reported they were being tracked by a hostile radar. The navy said, after a fruitless two-day search, that the cause of the crash was not known.

Iran claimed it shot down the helicopter and that its Revolutionary Guards had recovered the wreckage, but never offered any

evidence to back up the claim.

The Pentagon later all but confirmed that it was sbot down. It listed the two pilots, Captain Kenneth Hill, 33 and Capt. Stepben Leslie, 30, as "killed in

They were the only American casualties in the April 18 fighting. Tehran said 44 Iranians were

The navy apparently continued the search with the help of a chartered salvage tugboat called Comco-3, and the wreckage was finally located this weekend, according to the experts, who spoke on condition they not be

The wreckage was found in waters about 20 kilometres north of a marker buoy off Sharjah, in the general location where the naval clashes occurred. The depth ranges from 20 to 35

Egypt warns Iran against attacks on Gulf Arabs

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has warned Iran that it would face retaliation if it attacked Saudi Arabia or Kuwait.

"Iran knows that if it strikes maintain good relations with (Saudi Arabia or Kuwait) another will strike it." Mubarak Egypt. especially within the United Nations, but said that sometold the Kuwaiti daily Al Siyassah times the two countries disin an interview published Sunday. "When other Arab states find

their brothers in the Gulf have entered a stage of danger they will certainly not stay silent... they will offer them the necessary assistance whatever its nature,

The Arab Gulf states restored diplomatic ties with Egypt last November after an eight-year break following the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli treaty.

On prospects for Middle East peace. Mubarak reiterated his view that Arabs should not reject a new United States initiative out of hand.

Secretary of State George Shultz plans a new tour of the region next month to press proposals for an international conference followed by direct Arab-Israeli talks.

"We must not reject every thing. It is not reasonable that every proposal Shultz brings is rejected... logic says to accept what is reasonable and discuss and develop what is not appropriate," Mubarak saio.

Walters in Cairo

Mubarak and Vernon Walters. the U.S. representative at the United Nations, discussed Sunday bilateral relations, the situation in the Middle East and the Iran-Iraq war, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

Following the meeting, MENA quoted Walters as telling reporters that he bad conveyed to Mubarak greetings from U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Walters said he had under-

scored the United State's will to course, the closer we'll get to the



Walters is on a Middle East tour. He was in Amman Saturday where he was received by His

Ozal hopes to build Greek-Turkish trust

ATHENS (AP) Turkish Premier solution of our common prob-Turgut Ozal said in an interview published here Sunday that his trip to Greece next month aimed at building a climate of trust rather than solving specific Greek-Turkish disputes.

In an interview with the progovernment weekly To Vima, Ozal also said most military disputes between the two quarrelling NATO allies were "of a tech-

nical not a political nature."

Ozal said the main purpose of his trip was "to make one premier have faith in the other." Ozal and Premier Andreas Papandreou agreed at a meeting

in Davos, Switzerland, last January to avoid confrontation and establish long-term policies to boost relations over the next de-In March 1987, the two coun-

tries came to the brink of war over oil-drilling rights in the Aegean seabed.

At Davos, they also agreed to hold annual meetings in each other's capitals. Ozal will visit Athens June 13-15 and Papandreou is expected to visit Ankara

later in the year.

Ozal said the exchange of visits should improve contact between the two leaders.

"As this communication is reinforced, on different levels of

lems," he said.

Ozal asserted that a weh of Greek-Turkish disputes over airspace control in the Aegean, militarisation of the east Aegean islands and the military status of Lemnos Island had no political

"Much has to be done in the military sector... and our military men also must find a way out. They must try to solve some of these problems," Ozal said.

Greek government officials, however, say these disputes are part of the two NATO allies,

political differences. No easy solution

Ozal cautioned there would be no easy solutions to Greek-Tur-

kish problems. We can't get the idea that the problems can be easily solved. No. Because even the Davos agreement was supported on the understanding that these prob-

Ozal's published remarks in To Vima made no reference to the Cyprus problem, which is a major issue hetween Greece and

lems are not easily solved," he

Greece is blocking a \$748-million European Community aid package to Turkey because of the continuing presence of Turkish troops in northern Cyprus.

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Palestinians observe 'day of black disaster'

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Haram Al Sharif contains the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque. Sunday's Palestinian general

strike was called last week by a leaflet distributed by the underground committee that has been leading the uprising in the occupied tetritories.

The leaflet, the 16th issued by the underground, called May 15 a "day of catastrophe, a day of anger where flags should be raised on the roofs."

Witnesses said most shops were shut in the cities of Gaza and Rafah in the Gaza Strip, as well as Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah, Nablus and Arab Jerusalem. Street vendors, however, sold goods and vegetables for the eve of the Eid Al Fitr holiday. In Gaza City. Palestinians unfurled banned Palestinian flags an officer for four months Sunday and blocked roads with hurning for his role in an attempt to bury tyres, witnesses said.

In the Shati refugee camp in Gaza, soldiers threw tear-gas cannisters inside homes after protesters stoned an army patrol, Palestinian sources said. They said several women suffering from tear-gas inhalation were taken to hospital.

The sources said soldiers beat

dozens of Palestinians on the streets of the camp who refused to observe an army curfew. The army said it clamped a curfew on the camp after protests there. Israeli soldiers clamped a curfew Saturday tright on the occupied West Bank town of Anabta

after Arabs stoned and then burned an automobile belonging to Jewish settlers, Israeli news reports said. An Israeli military court jailed

Hizbollah militiamen went on

alert and panic spread among

residents of the suburbs who

feared Syria's action would lead

Witnesses said more than 100

families fled the suburbs on Sun-

day, joining thousands who had

left after the fighting erupted.

armed with automatic rifles and

rocket launchers, guarded a mos-

que they bad seized near the

airport road facing the Syrian

Hizbollah fighters were killed in a

clash in the area Saturday.

One Syrian soldier and five

Meanwhile, an artillery shell

killed a baby and wounded three

people Sunday when it crasbed

into a building used by Palesti-

nian refugees in west Beirut, wit-

It was not clear if the shelling

was related to the Amal-Hizbol-

Bearded Hizbollah fighters,

to a major battle.

sand barricades.

nesses said

alive four Palestinians with a bulldozer in a West Bank village in

A army spokesman said Master-Sergeant Charlie Danino was the third soldier to be sentenced for the incident in Kafr Salem near Nablus. He was found guilty of negligence and improper behaviour and demoted to private.

Israel was condemned worldwide when troops forced the four Palestinians to lie on the ground and ordered that a bulldozer cover them with earth. Villagers later dug them out alive. At least two were unconscious. Two other soldiers, both pri-

vates, were jailed earlier for four and five months. Israel returned credentials Sunday to a correspondent of the Washington Post who reported,

without submitting to censorship. thal Isracli forces killed Palestinian leader Khalil Al Wazir (Abu

A government press office announcement said Glenn Frankel's press card "was returned after Frankel submitted a letter stressing his awareness of censorship laws."

Israel suspended the accreditation of Frankel and Martin Fletcher, a correspondent for the U.S. television network NBC, April 26 because of their reports of the assassination of Abu Jihad, deputy military commander of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Israeli sources say Israeli special forces carried out the killing in Tunis April 16. Officials have refused to confirm or deny an Israeli role.

'North asked British arms dealers to supply Iran

an arms trial claimed former White House aide Oliver North asked British arms dealers to supply Iran with 5,000 anti-tank missiles months before he admitted involvement in the Iran-contra affair, the Daily Telegraph

reported. It quoted attorney Lawrence Kershen as saying the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the U.S. customs special investigations office also knew about the £34 million (\$64 million) embargo-breaking deal to sell the

U.S.-made Tow missiles to Iran. Kershen made the claim in his summation Friday at the trial in the old Bailey criminal court of four men accused of conspiring to sell missiles they did not bave, the newspaper said. All four have pleaded innocent.

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and Iraq, was part of an elaborate deal to deceive the Iranians into parting with a fortune in cash for arms that never existed.

The defence argues that North, as part of his arms-for-hostages deals with the Iranians, had agreed to make sure that the missiles would be available.

Kershen was quoted as saying defendant Michael Aspin, 47, a company manager, was introduced to North in February 1985 at the Churchill Hotel in London and met him again at another nearby hotel in September 1985.

He said U.S. customs was also aware of the deal because Aspin had telephoned Cal White, the director of its special investigations office, in December 1984 to ask if the American government

From carly 1985 - indeed by Christmas 1984 — the American administration had a shrewd idea of what was going on and were not intervening," Kersben was quoted as saying.

When the Irangate scandal broke in 1986, Kersben said, it became clear that the United States was prepared to countenance the sale of arms to Iran in hopes of winning the release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon.

An embargo on arms sales to Iran had prevented the Iranians from buying the missiles they needed directly from the United States or any other NATO

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LONDON (AP) — A lawyer at The prosecution alleges that objected to the proposed deal, the plant to sell arms to both Iran the newspaper said dant's brother, testified last month that the deal began in the summer of 1984 when William Casey, then head of the CLA, made a telephone call to a British arms dealer.

> Aspin alleged that the purpose of the call was to introduce U.S. officials whom be called "the American connection" to the Iranian missile buyers. He refused to identify any Americans involved.

After the call, Leslie Aspin said, he set up a series of meetings between the interested parnies in Paris, Frankfurt, Zurich and London in late 1984 and early 1985. He testified he was involved in early stages of the negotiations before handing over to his brother in 1985.

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Syria issues tough ultimatum

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seek to free the foreign hostages when they move into south Beirut.

People are suffering distress that we will try to end," Kenaan said, without elaboration. The rightist Voice of Lebanon radio said, without naming a source, that the hostages are now

There is a disaster in the area.

nian embassy in the seaside Jnah neighbourhood, which is outside the battle zone. Syrian soldiers, backed by Soviet-made T-54 tanks and armed with rocket launchers and anti-aircraft guns, dug in behind

held in the basement of the Ira-

sand barricades west and southeast of the suburbs. Kenaan earlier told a delegation of people from the area: The suburbs have suffered a lot and it is about time they are relieved of this suffering. Anyone who fights against us is an enemy to Syria and Arabism."

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Sheikholeslam. who led Tehran's peace efforts in Beirut, left for Damascus Saturday to meet Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

As the Syrian troops mobilised.

Soviets begin Afghan pullout

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describing the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan as an irritant between Pakistan and the Soviet Union.

strengthening relations between the two countries. About 115,000 Soviet troops are in Afghanistan, but all must pull back to Soviet territory within the next nine months to comply

with the U.N.-mediated accords.

He said the Geneva accords

Half of the troops must leave by Ang. 15 under the agreement. Lieutenant-General Boris Gromov told reporters Saturday that about one quarter of the soldiers would be home before U.S. President Ronald Reagan visits Moscow May 29.

had opened up possibilities for The Communist Party leadership in Moscow headed by Mikhail Gorbachev thanked the departing troops and asked for their help in improving Soviet life once they are back on native ground.

Conservatives lose ground in Iran

(Continued from page 1)

Ninety-nine deputies cast negaive votes or abstained when Prime Minister Mis-Mossein Mousavi asked for a vote of confidence in October 1986.

Mousavi will be required by

law to face a fresh vote of confi-The shell, fired from the direcdence when the new Majlis connion of southern Beirut, hit the fourth floor of a 10-storey un-Media backing the radicals had finished block in Sanayeh neigh-

already claimed victory after the first round of voting. "First round returns show that the composition of the parliament lah fighting in the southern sub- in the third term has improved compared to previous terms,"

said state-run Tehran Radio. which usually sides with the radicals in editorial comments.

Several important conservauves lost their seats, including Deputy Speaker Muhammad Yazdi, eliminated in the second round. But Said Rajaei Khorasani, Iran's former representative at the United Nations, was elected

for the conservative. Newcomers also included Mohammad Ebrahim Asgharzadeh, a leader of the militant students who seized the U.S. embassy in Tehran in 1979. The elections also reduced the

number of women in parliament

from four to three.

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Finance and Commodities Report

AMMAN — The dollar climbed to new highs against all major

Speculators were buying dollars at lower levels on fear that the

In the local market, the dollar was well bid. Extremely high

demand forced the banks and financial companies to sell the

dollar at 0.38 fils on the Jordanian dinar, but demand vanished

when the Central Bank of Jordan intervened in the market

On the international scene, the dollar was firm against the European currencies and the Japanese yen. The dollar jumpeo

higher to close around 1.6850 against the Deutschemark and

Sterling moved also higher although there was an intervention of selling pounds against dollars and Deutschemarks from Bank

High demand on the sterling and higher interest rates are in

Indications from the charts appear to be still bullish on the

favour of keeping the British pound move higher against the Deutschemark and the U.S. dollar.

dollar against all major currencies and stable on the Jordanian

Commodities

The most disappointing commodity in my opinion is gold. Looking on the gold chart, it indicates that gold is a sell at the existing levels which are \$452 an ounce within the next three

Technically speaking, gold looks bearish and could move within

the next two years to the \$270 an ounce area. Fundamental

reasons are behind forcing gold to move lower. Soviet selling

should still be a force in keeping gold lower, and South African

high supply is a factor in keeping the margin of profit lower on

Following are some gold prices and Arab currency rates in

next American trade deficit figure will be around \$12.0 billion.

By Fouad Batshon

European currencies and the Jordanian dinar.

Last month the deficit was \$13.3 billion

pumping dollars to stabilise the price rates.

1.400 against the Swiss franc.

of England

The price then declined towards 0.360 fils.

Deputy governor disowns bulk of import orders, says letters of credit involve non-Jordanian goods

CBJ to finance only 10% of exports to Iraq

By Salameh B. Ne'matt Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) said Sunday it would finance 10 per cent of the over \$450 million worth of Jordanian export orders to Iraq, in accordance with a bilateral trade protocol agreement, and that the remaining letters of credit already opened were being cancelled, Deputy CBJ Governor Dr. Maher Shukri told the Jordan Times.

million worth of letters of credit lion. in excess of the amount covered by the protocol were ineligible because they were intended for Jordanian re-exports to Iraq.

Under the Kingdom's annual trade protocol with Iraq, which officially guarantees trade in goods worth \$185 million each way, Iraqi importers open letters of credit up to that value, reimbursable to the bearer by the CBJ. This year's Jordanian exports quota was increased by \$35

Dr. Sbukri said the over \$300 million over last year's \$150 mil-

According to Sbukri, about \$135 million worth of goods have already been shipped and paid for, and the remaining \$50 million is enough to cover eligible exports of Jordanian manufacturers. The rest of the \$450-\$500 million of Iraqi orders mostly involved reexports of non-Jordanian products, labelled as if they were of Jorda-

The Iraq trade problem, coupled with a delayed aid payment

repayment from Iraq, caused a brief flurry in the foreign exchange market earlier this month, Sbukri said.

On May 2, the CBJ temporarily refused to sell dollars, apparently in order to preempt a threatened flight from the dinar. The value of the dollar shot up by about 20 per cent in two hours.

A \$4 million intervention by the CBJ eased the market, showing the brief panic was a huge over-reaction, compounded by reports of a low CBJ foreign exchange reserve (\$148 million in March)

Saudi Arabia made its second

\$59.9 million aid payment to Jordan last week and Shukri said Iraq bas also paid its nearly \$12 million monthly debt repayment to the Kingdom, part of its pay-ment of \$158 million in 1988.

Sbukri said the Central Bank was still screening about 13,000 letters of credit opened by Iraqi

from Saudi Arabia and a late debt importers. The sharp increase in import orders is attributed to Iraq's loosening this year of the state monopoly on foreign trade.

The deputy governor said the CBJ noticed in January brisk drawdown of the financing facility, and sought clarification from the Rafidain Bank in Amman, which in turn reported a sudden rise in orders from Iraq. A government delegation was then dispatched to Baghdad to ask Rafidain Bank to decelerate the drawdown on the extended facility. The Iraqi side promised to take

In Pelituary, the Central Bank warned Abrdanian banks not to finance any of the letters of credit because their total exceeded the value of the trade protocol and therefore they would not be co-vered by CBJ refinancing facilities, Sbukri said. Further action was then taken the level of the Prime Ministry, through a delegation to Iraq representing the Cen-

tral Bank and the Ministry of Industry and Trade. "By that time," Shukri said, "the volume of import orders had reached

He pointed out that the Jordanian private sector could not have produced such a large volume of goods for exports. "We know the limits of Jordan's industry," he said, pointing ont that last year's exports barely covered the allocated quota.

between \$450 and \$500 million."

He said that after screening the credit applications, the Central Bank found the value of Jordanian domestic exports was around \$45-\$50 million, well within the balance left on the bilateal trade accord. The Ministry of Industry has said that priority in payment will be given to goods certified as having a certain percentage of Jordanian content or more, and will exclude form the trade protocol non-Jordanian goods that had been channelled through the

Kingdom.
"What we did, in fact, is abort an attempt to exploit our foreign reservers," Shukri said. "We are now cancelling the credits, he said, referring to LCs for over \$400 million of orders from Iraq, which some enterprising Jordanians had hoped to import from third parties for shipment to Iraq through Jordan, using the benefits of the bilateral trade accord.

Iraq's outstanding debts to Jordan, which are an accumulation of credits extended by the King-dom between 1983 and 1987, bave already been re-scheduled last year. Shukri said the Iraqi payments were stable.

The deputy governor revealed that the Central Bank was working on simplifying foreign exchange procedure and introducing a new version of foreign exchange regulations.

Egypt raises prices of petrol, cigarettes

CAIRO (R) — Egypt Sunday increased the price of petrol by 40 per cent and cigarettes by 20 per

A midnight government announcement said petrol will now cost 35 to 40 piastres (15 to 17 cents) a litre compared with 25 to 30 piastres (11 to 13 cents). A packet of cigarettes that formerly cost 65 to 80 piastres (28

to 35 cents) will now be priced at 80 to 95 piastres (34 to 40 cents). An official statement said the government expected the new

petrol prices would raise 300 million pounds (\$132 million) and the increase in the price of cigarettes 200 million pounds (\$88 million) a year.

Fund (IMF) and the World Bank bad urged Egypt to make prices more realistic and reduce economic subsidies. The government last year tre-

S. Arabia to spend \$14b on Mecca over 20 years

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabia will spend 53 billion riyals (\$14 billion) to develop the Holy City of Mecca over the next 20 years, the Jeddah-based Okaz newspaper said Sunday.

Mayor Fouad Omar Tawfiq told the newspaper a number of massive projects would turn Mecca into two cities, one for pilgrims and the other for residents.

Mecca is Islam's holiest city

of pilgrims from around the world.

Tawfiq said 21 billion riyals (\$5.6 billion) had already been spent on projects such as tunnels, roads and bridges to ease the flow of vehicles in and ont of the city and to relieve pressure around the Grand Mosque.

He said areas around the mosque now used by vehicles would

China to set up office to manage foreign, local debts

BEUING (AP) — China's government, concerned about its growing foreign debt, is setting up a debt management office to ensure that borrowing does not

cial report said Sunday. The English-language newspaper China Daily said the State Council, China's cabinet, is expected to approve plans to estab-lish the office in the ministry of finance, according to an unidentified source in the ministry.

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focus on key U.S. data LONDON (R) - The dollar is lacked confidence and big gains likely to remain quiet Monday ahead of key U.S. trade statistics

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Stocks, which went into a tails-pin Wednesday because of fears of higher inflation and interest rates around the world, closed last week on an upbeat note but

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were unlikely.

Gold, seen by investors as a but currency dealers said Bri- safe haven for their cash in times tain's pound sterling, which hit a of economic uncertainty, ended two-year high against West Ger- at about \$450 an onnce -- roughmany's mark Friday, could keep ly \$7 up on the week.

Bullion dealers said a rise reported Friday of 0.4 per cent in U.S. wholesale prices did not seem inflationary.

By week's end, dealers, particularly in currencies, were looking to Tuesday's U.S. March analysts said most major markets trade data.

"Everything depends on the trade figures now," said one U.S.

bank trader in London. Market forecasts are for a \$12.5 to \$13 billion March deficit. February's deficit jumped to \$13.8 hillion, up \$1.4 billion from January, jolting financial markets and fotcing central banks to prop

up a falling dollar.
Since then the dollar has traded around 1.67 to 1.68 Deutsche-marks and 124 to 125 Japanese

It closed in London Friday at 1.6830 marks versus an opening of 1.6820 and Thursday's 1.6790 close and at 124.65 yen from 124.60 and 124.60 tespectively.

"No-one wants to be caught on the wrong side so dollar trading will remain dult until the data. said a Frankfurt dealer.

News on April 14 of the widened February deficit also knocked 30 points off Wall Street's

Dow Jones industrial average. It was news last Oct. 14 of a widening in the deficit — seen by economists as a barometer of the

U.S. economy's health - which helped start the crash of 87. A booming economy and te-

latively high British interest rates have been attracting money to sterling assets in tecent weeks.

Indonesia warns OPEC on oil price cut

JAKARTA — Indonesia said at official OPEC prices, which Sunday it bas resisted pressure to put Indonesia's main Minas crude offer price discounts on its oil until now, but warned other OPEC members it may be forced

to cut prices to stay competitive. Evergy Minister Ginanjar Kartasasmita was quoted by the official Antara News Agency as saying Indonesia's action would depend on what measures were taken by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at their meeting next month.

Oil industry executives widely believe Indonesia is already giving discounts to Japan, the main market for Indonesian crude.

So they saw Indonesia's official acknowledgement that it may in June. He said Japan was not offer discounts as a way of putting pressure on other OPEC members to stop offering cut price oil to Japan and stick to OPEC output quotas to bolster price

Ginaniar and Abdul Rachman Ramly, president director of the state oil company Pertamina, reported to President Subarto Saturday that Indonesia has signed a contract with Japanese buyers for May deliveries.

He was quoted by Antara as saving the May contract was still and Singapore.

and part of a garden.

Friday 20 May

put Indonesia's main Minas crude at \$17.56 a barrel.

"For May we bave been successful in maintaining the GSP (government selling price), but for June it seems very difficult to keep at that level if prices on the world market remain weak," Ginanjar told Indonesian repor-

The minister, who is member of OPEC's price monitoring committee, said that although demand was increasing there was still a large excess supply in the world oil market.

Ramly also said that it may be bard for Indonesia to maintain the official price level for Japan ready to buy oil at an unrealistic

Indonesia, which has a populaheavily dependent on oil exports, and has criticised other OPEC countries for undercutting the Japanese market by offering dis-

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At the OPEC meeting in Vienna last month, Ginanjar bad pressed for OPEC to join non-OPEC producers by agreeing joint cuts in export levels to boost sagging world prices. . Disputes tbe 13-member group

meant OPEC was unable to agree on the level of cuts necessary and who should make them. Ginanjar urged OPEC members to stick to their quotas and not offer discounts, saying that

stuck together. Dialogue to continue

prices would improve if OPEC

In Cartagena, Colombia, Latin American oil exporters said Saturday that the dialogue between OPEC and non-OPEC countries would continue and last month's Vienna meeting was an initial step in a wider effort of tion of 175 million, remains cooperation to stabilise the inter-

national market. "It will open new ways for the development of a more stable market that will benefit not only producers but consumers and the Indonesia produces around 1.2 world economy as a whole," the five-member Informal Group of Latin American and Caribbean Exporters of Petroleum, GI-PLACEP, said in a statement. GIPLACEP comprises OPEC

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members Ecuador and Venezuela and non-OPEC countries Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico and Colombia. The last two took part in the Vienna meeting.

Colombia, which attended the Vienna meeting as an observer and said it could not go along with the proposed five per cent export cut, stressed its full solidarity with the initiative.

Colombian Energy Minister Guillermo Perry told reporters: "Our attendance of the technical meeting in London in March and our presence, as observer, at the Vienna meeting aimed a stressing our support for the initiative. It is fundamental to move toward cooperation to obtain a stable market."

Venezuela Energy Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti said OPEC will first have to decide, at its full meeting on June 8, whether the world oil situation justifies an export cut for the second balf of the year,

The cut proposal by non-OPEC countries was for May and

Hernandez Grisanti explained that in Vienna last month, independent producers offered to cut exports by 185,000 barrels a day.

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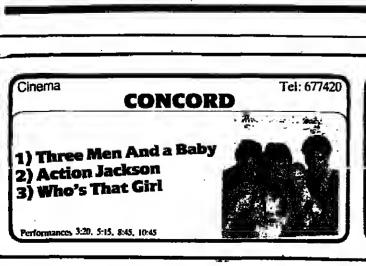
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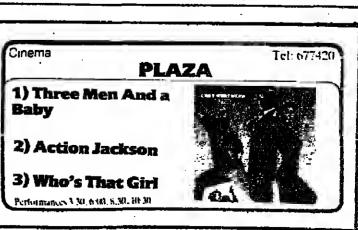
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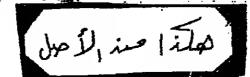
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AC Milan crowned as **Italian League champions**

ROME (R) — Rund Gullit's AC Milan were crowned league champions Sunday as much troubled outgoing title holders Napoli slumped at home on the last day of the Italian soccer season. A 1-1 draw at Como gave Milan the title that has eluded them since 1979 and it was Gullit, European footballer of the year and in his first season in Italy, who led them on an emotional lap of honour past

28,000 grateful fans. It was a different story in Naples, where a dispirited, depleted team lost 2-1 to Sampdoria and were booed by Neapolitans angered a mid-week players' revolt against trainer-manager Ottavio Bianchi. Milan, who snatched the league lead from Napoli with a 3-2 win in Naples two weeks ago, finished the season on 45 points to the outgoing champions' 42 to land their 11th league title in the club's

Antonio Virdis put Milan ahead after pass from Dutch star Gullit one minute into the match. Como's Salvatore Giunta scored the

equaliser at the start of the second half. Milan went into the game at Como with a two-point lead on Napoli and, though a single point was enough to secure them the title, they played to win.

Gullit, displaying the skills that will make him such a menace m next month's European Championships in West Germany, repeatedly tested the Como defence and only the reflexes of goalkeeper Mario Paradisi stopped Gullit's Dutch team mate Marco van Basten earning Milan the winner in the second half.

"It's stupeodous. What else can I say," Virdis said. In Milan, thousands of fans, some of them sporting wigs of Gullit-style dreadlocks, poured onto the streets to celebrate and flocked to the San Siro home stadium to await the team's return for a night of festivities.

Napoli, league leaders from October until May 1, played their final match without injured Argentine World Cup star Diego Maradona and in the absence of four regulars left out after leading the revolt against Bianchi.

Thousands of fans stayed away from the game in protest at the revolt and the 70,000 that made the trip to the San Paolo stadium jeered the team onto the pitch. Bianchi, blamed by the players for their late-session slump; was rewarded with cheers.

GOREN BRIDGE

lead was obviously top-of-nothing, marking East for the acc-queen, de-clarer countered elegantly by offer-

ing East a juicy piece of bait, which

East found irresistible. Declarer called for dummy's king. East won and continued with queen and another spade. When West turned up

with the ace of diamonds, an over-trick was there for the taking.

"Had I ignored your advice,"

complains our Virginian, "and allowed dummy to win the first trick, the contract would have been de-

feated, 1 think I will quit reading bridge!"

We feel the cure might be worse than the disease. Our bits of advice are generalisms, and are, in princi-

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BY CHARLES GOREN

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In this column we have frequently suggested to our readers that aces were made to capture kings, not to be wasted on air. A reader from Virginia writes that he followed our advice, and it got him into the doghouse. He submitted this hand.

The auction was routine. With 15 HCP and no four-card major, HCP and no four-card major. Since he had no entry in his hand South's jump to two no trump was and South was marked with the remaining spade honors, the holdup play at trick one was mandatory. autometic, as was North's raise on a balanced minimum. We do not know what inspired

West to find a spade lead—we would have made the more plebian lead of a heart and declarer would have had no problem: Realizing the

NBA Playoff Roundup

Pistons rout Bulls

NEW YORK (AP) — The Detrnit Pistons, led by a defence that restrained Michael Inrdan, routed Chicago Bulls 101-79 Saturday to re-take control of their National Basketball Association (NBA) Eastern Conference semifinal series.

The Pistons' defence, which carried them through the first round of the playoffs, held Jordan scoreless for the first 17 minutes and limited him to 24 points. Jurdan, the league's top scorer, averaged 41.6 points in the first seven playnff games.

Vinnie Johnson had 23 points and Isiah Thumas 19 tn lead the

But it was the pair's defence more than their offence that won the game as they combined with Joe Dumars to shut down Jordan, who didn't score until 5:23 was gone in the second quarter.
"Wheo you play good defence, it helps huild your confidence and

when you make a couple of shits, it really grows," said Jinhisoo.
"We did a good job of keeping the ball nut if Jirdan's hands and
when he did get the ball, we doubled up no him."

Nuggets 107, Mavericks 105

Hanzlik scored four of his nine points in the final 35 seconds, including the game-winner with three seconds to play, to cap a game-long comehack by the Nuggets.

Hanzlik tied the game with 35 seconds left, grabbed the rebound of Sam Perkins' miss with 20 seconds to gn and scored on a drive with time running out to give the Nnggets their only lead of the game.

The Mavericks jumped off to a 10-2 lead and were ahead 61-53 at halftime and 87-78 after three quarters.

Bot Deover cut the deficit to three midway through the period and finally tied it with 35 seconds left wheo Lafayette Lever stole the ball from Rolando Blackman and fed Hanzlik for a layup.

Black group honours Tyson

NEWARK, New Jersey (R) - Mike Tyson, who has received no

small acclaim as the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world, said an award Saturday from a black group was his greatest bonour.

Tyson took Saturday off from training for his fight against Michael Spinks June 27 to be bonoured by the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) for what it said was his positive inner for black words. positive image for black youth.

'This is the greatest honour that I have ever received, because it is given to me from black people," said Tyson, referring to the award, named after Jack Johnson, a black fighter who won the heavyweight title in 1908. "And I have nevr received an honour from black

"I've achieved a lot of things in life, but this one is very, very

Tyson, 34-0, was asked about the fight against Spinks, the former light heavyweight champion who is also undefeated, with a 31-0

"He can't beat me," said an unusoally mellow Tyson, who will turn 22 three days after the fight with Spinks. "I'm just stating the facts. I'm the best fighter in the world."

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The track to finding the information ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) It exactly where you stand, where you

ple, sound guides—but not gospel. Had our correspondent put as much thought into his play as he did into

MCON CHILDREN (June 22 to don't hesitate to take it. Don't rush jul. 21) Make a careful schedule of the day's activities early today, and don't try to rush through your Be sure to pay careful attention to work. Romance blossoms touight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aeg. 21) Practice a sticky situation. Be succinct and to the point in any conversations. PISCES (Feb. 26 to Mar. 20) Put some energy and enthusiasm into your daily routines, and they won't seem so 'routine.' Keep an sye out close friend can put you on the right into any new business projects.

AQUARIUS (Jun. 21 to Feb. 19) Be sure to pay careful attention to details today, or you could get into a sticky situation. Be succinct and to the point in any conversations.

early part of the day should be used you need. Rest up at home tonight, to gather the information you will need to get a new project under way, but this is not the right time. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22 Get the advice of an expert on properto begin the project itself. Maintain ty and financial affairs, and find out

may take some serious effort, but are headed and how to proceed.
it is important that you get your SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Init is important that you get your work better organized. Try to be more understanding of your mata.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) If you cooperate with your business partners, you can work much more efficiently. Don't neglect to do any important shopping this morning.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) This is a time to avoid over-important shopping this morning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jun. 20) You will proceed, and how to handle any problems which pop up, and you'll get much better results.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to June 21) This is a time to avoid over-important shopping this morning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jun. 20) You will have an opportunity to improve your social life tonight, so fund the state to take it. Don't results.

Jul. 21) Make a careful schedule of into any new business projects.

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL RESULTS

Reuters

RESULTS of European football matches played Saturday:

West German First Division

Werder Bremeo Hamburg Borussia Dortmund Bayer Leverkusen Eintracht Frankfurt Hanover FC Hamburg Bochum Nuremburg Kaiserslautern Bayern Munich Stuttgart Cologne Schalke Waldhof Mannheim Bayer Uerdingen Borussia Moenchengladbach · Karlsrube

East German First Division

Chemie Halle Vorwaerts Frankfurt Hansa Rostock Stahl Brandenburg Lokomotiv Leipzie Carl Zeirs Jena Magdehurg Stahl Riesa Wismut Ane Rot-Weiss Erfurt

Spanish First Division

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Real Sociedad Real Madrid Real Zaragoza Barcelona Real Mallorca Espanol Atletico Madrid 1 Athletic Bilbao

French First Division

Bordeaux Matra Racing Toulouse Marseille Montpellier Lens Toulon Saint-Etienne Paris Saint-Germain Auxerre Cannes Nantes Niort Metz Le Havre Laval Brest

Belgian First Division

Antwerp St. Trinden Standard Liege Kortrijk Racing Jet Cercle Bruges Mechelen Anderlecht Charleroi Beveren Lokeren Ghent Club Bruges Winterslag FC Liege Waregem Molenbeek Beerschot

Austrian First Division

Admira-Wacker Austria Vienna Rapid Sturm Graz FCS Tirol. 0 Vienna Vienna Sports

Hungarian First Division

Debrecen Vasas Tatabanya Vaci Izzo Ferenevaros Videoton Kaposvari Rakoczi Siofok Bekescsaba Ujpesti Dozsa Zalacgerszeg Pecs Mtk VM Szombatheley **Budapest Honved** Raba Eto

Lendl hits form at right time to reach **Italian Open final**

ROME (Agencies) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl, looking sharp after a rain delay that lasted more than five hours, powered into the final of the Italian Open Tennis Championships Saturday by beating fifthseeded Kent Carlsson on Sweden 6-3, 6-3.

No. 14 Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina downed unseeded Ronald Agenor of Haiti 6-3, 6-3 in the other semifinal of the \$825,000, clay-court tournament.

The semifinals were played simultaneously at the Fnro Italico Saturday night as a result of a heavy afternoon rain that interrupted the Lendi-Carissoo match at 1-1 in the first set.

On Center Court, with the stands half-empty, Lendl played his

best match of the tournament after three straight lackluster three-set victories. He attacked Carlsson's looping topspin groundstrokes and came through with big first serves, while the Swede played exclusively from the baseline and committed more errors than usual. With Carlsson leading 3-2 in the first set, Lendl lost only four points in running off the next four games to take the set.

Lendl staved off a break point to the first game of the second set

with a backhand passing shot and erased another in the third game with a forehand winner.

He theo got the decisive edge in the sixth game, breaking Carlsson for a 4-2 lead with a blistering forehand service return.

Lendl served a double-fault oo his first match point, but made

good on the second, firing a hard first serve that Carlsson slapped into the oet. Perez-Roldan's victory halted a surprising run by Agenor, who had

upset second-seeded Mats Wilander and American teen-ager Andre

"I thought we would play a long time, but I was lucky that I served well," said Lendi, the world's top-ranked player who has won 10 straight clay-court matches this year. "I wan a lot of important points on my serve."

Leodi said he spent the rain delay watching the cup of England soccer match and NBA games on televisioo. He said he was about to fall asleep when tournament officials told him the match was to resume Saturday evening.

"It waso't a had Saturday afternooo," he said. "I can't complain." "I was feeling very good today, but Ivan was playing too well," said the 20-year-old Carlssoo, who defeated Yannick Noah of France in the quarterfinals. "He was serving quite well and I was missing more from the baseline than I'm used to, I was not playing very well on my backhand,"

Perez-Roldan, who won the Munich tournament last week and has not dropped a set in Rome, ran down everything that Agenor threw at him in their baseline battle.

Each set was tied at 3-3, and each time the 18-year-old Argentine won the next three games.

The turning point in the second set came with the score tied 2-2 and Agenor about to break serve. On the second break point, Ageoor's forehand was called long and he argued with the chair umpire for

The umpire assessed Agenor a penalty point, giving Perez-Roldan the advantage. After the Argeotine won the next point to hold serve for 3-2, Agenor hurled his racket in the direction of the chair umpire. "At that moment I was on the ropes," Perez-Roldan said. "I thought the penalty was a bit unjust. It made him lose his

He is the second Argentine in a row to reach the Italian Open men's final. Last year, Martin Jaite lost in the final to Wilander.
"I just want to give Lendl a good match that will be enjoyable for everybody to watch," Perez-Roldan said.

Lendi said he had never seeo the Argentine play until catching a glimpse of his match on television Saturday night.

Graf and Sukova reach West German Open final

In West Berlin, Czechoslovak Helena Sukova, seeded two, beat seveoth-seeded West German Sylvia Hanika 6-2, 6-3 Saturday to set up a West German Open tennis final with defending champioo Steffi

Graf, who will attempt to win her third successive title here Sunday, humiliated fellow-West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 6-1,

"I feel in absolute best form," said Graf after her 41-minute victory. "But I had expected a bit more from her."

The Graf-Kohde-Kilsch match was a replay of last year's final,

which Graf won 6-2, 6-3. Since then, the pair have met three times with Graf winning in straight sets each time.

Peanuts







Mutt'n' Jeff







Andy Capp

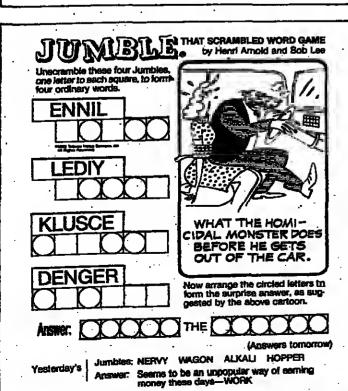


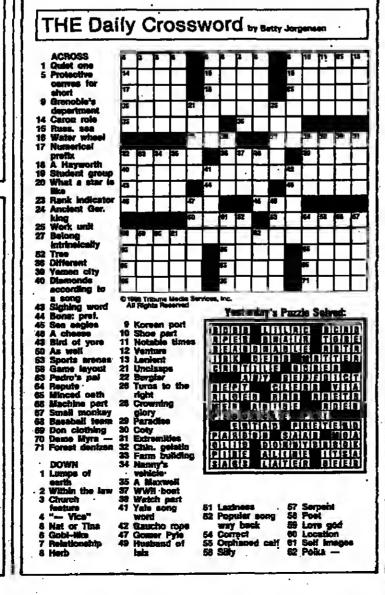




THE BETTER HALF, By Harris "You've got a leaky pipe in your basement and it's ruining my

ceiling!!!"







Hundreds of Sikhs detained for interrogation around the Gotden 1 empte earner

activists press for reforms

BUDAPEST (API - Unofficial political activists are pressing for a biggest voice in Hungary's affairs as the increasingly divided Communist leadership prepares to debate the party's role in

More than 200 activists and dissidents jammed into the cramped rear hall of a Budapest restaurant recently to draft a document demanding more political reforms.

We want to show that there are other solutions." said Janos Kis, a leading spokesman for the "Network of Free Initiatives," a newly-formed confederation of unofficial political, social and en-

vironmental activist groups. Kis, who was expelled from Hungary's Communist Party in the 1970s for "revisionist" writings. said distribution of the group's alternative document is planned to coincide with a key Communist Party conference

opening May 20. "We need a new constitution guaranteeing civil and political rights. We want new legal restric-tions on the power of the party." Kis said.

Debate at the party conference is expected to pit reformists in the party leadership against hardliners worried about mounting pressure from independent political groups seeking official tecognition and genuine pluralism in

Hungary's one-party system. Party officials say the conference could also determine the future of party leader Jaoos Kadar, who is increasingly blamed for the country's economic problems and for resisting

political reforms. A central committee meeting last week announced that the conference will debate changes in its national leadership, furthering speculation that Kadar may be

asked to step down. in increasing numbers, small independent groups are clamoring for more representation in

Hungarian society. in a related development a trade union of intellectual workers, called the Democratic Union of Scientific Workers, was formed in Budapest Saturday, the first new Hungarian union set up in 40 years, Hungarian radio re-

Hungarian Moscow students revolt

MOSCOW (R) - Communist Party members at Moscow University revolted last week during an election of delegates to a mainr June Party conference on Kremlin reform, sources who were present said Sunday.

They said the hall erupted in a storm of protest when leaders of the meeting announced that university rector Anatoly Logunov and the head of the university party branch were the official candidates for the university's two delegates.

Shouts of 'we want Gavril Popov" rang out and the storm subsided only when his name was added to the candidate list. Popov. an economist, is a leading proponent of the reform drive of Kremlin Leader Mikhail Gor-

The election was conducted by secret hallot and Popov emerged as the strong winner with more than 90 per cent of the vote, the sources told Reuters.

Loguoov, who adopted a middle-of-the-road stand when Moscow's outspoken party chief Boris Yeltsin was ousted last November, came second and will also be a delegate. The university party boss was eliminated, receiving just one per cent of the vote. The party conference, which opens on June 28, is due to map out reforms to make Soviet society and the party itself more demo-

cratic. Ideas which have been

nffice and age limits for party and state nfficials.

Gorbacbev, whn is seeking a grass-roots mandate for his re-

form drive, has called on party organisations to ensure that rankand-file members participate in delegate selection

But as the process got underway last week, it was clear that many party bureaucrats were ignoring his appeal.

The newspaper Sotsialisticheskaya industriya reported Sunday that party officials in the Siberian city of Omsk presented their list of candidates Thursday and rusbed it through without allowing time for discussion. Popov, who writes frequently

in the press, told the party youth newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda that although democratic procedures won out at university elections, Moscow party officials had brazenly flouted Gorbachev's

"I of course expected that the (party) apparatus would not give up their delegate list without a fight, he said.

But such unpardonable, insolent and flagrant unwillingness to recognise the opinion of rankand-file communists and such efforts to ignore this opinion 1 bave not seen before, even in the worst times of stagnation.

Their accountability to the public is likely to be increased by changes adopted at the party conference, the first such meeting floated include limited terms of since 1941.

Aquino refuses to budge despite Marcos' pledge

Corazon Aquino ruled out allowing Ferdinand Marcos to return for bis mother's funeral, despite a pledge Saturday by the ousted president to support the government and prevent a new coup attempt by his followers.

The government also said Saturday that Marcos must repay the billions of dollars in state funds be allegedly stole during his 20 years in power before he can come home from exile in Hawaii, and ordered its consulate in

Hawaii to block his return. About 5.000 people rallied Saturday to demand that Marcos be allowed to attend the funeral of his mother. Josefa Edralin-Marcos, who died May 4. She was 95. No date for the funeral bas been set. Family members have been boping Aquino would change her mind and allow Mar-

MANILA (AP) - President cos to return to the Philippines. In a statement read by telephone from Hawaii by Marcos spokesman Gemmo Trinidad, the former president promised that be would not exploit his return to undermine her government.

"I reiterate that I oppose violence, that I have no intention of mounting a coup d'etat or causing a civil war," said the Marcos statement, broadcast by Manila radio stations. "I, therefore, advise my supporters and those who are fighting for the very same democratic principles that I stand for not to engage in any disruptive and more violent acti-

But in a telegram to the Philippine consulate in Honolulu, the presidential palace said Aquino remained convinced that Marcos' return would undermine national

Emergency declared in north Ethiopia

NAIROB1 (R) — The Ethiopian government declared a state of emergency Saturday in the northern provinces of Tigray and Eritrea, where rebels have scored a series of successes against government troops since early March.

State-run Addis Ahaba radio, monitored in Nairobi, said Ethiopia's state council, the supreme authority when parliament is in recess, imposed the state of emergency at a meeting chaired by President Mengistu Haile Mariam. Under the proclamation, Presi-

deat Mengistu will appoint special administrators to run the provioces with the helo of military and security councils, the radio added. The councils would "seek ways

of overcoming the problems in Eritrea and Tigray and ensuring that peace and security prevail,"

The radio listed the districts covered by the state of emergency, including many areas recently captured by the rebel Tigray and Eritrean People's Liberation Fronts (TPLF and EPLF).

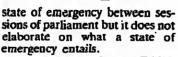


Mengistu Haile Mariam

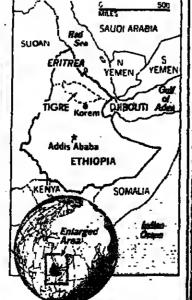
holds only the provincial capital Mekele and a few garrisons on the main road ruoning nortbsouth through the province.

In Eritrea, the rebels hold most of the western and northwestern districts and are also active in the countryside around governmentheld towns.

Ethiopia's civilian constitution. adopted last september, says the In Tigray, the government council of state may proclaim a



Addis Ababa radio said Friday that the Ethiopian army beat off an EPLF attack on the town Wednesday.



141 leave Golden Temple but diehards continue fighting

AMRITSAR, India (R) - More than 140 people, including gunmen barricaded inside the Golden Temple for seven days, surrendered to Indian security forces Sunday, but the battle with militant Sikh separatists went on.

The surrender of 120 men, seven women and 14 children followed beavy overnight fighting as commando-led security forces using flares, tracer bullets and grenades tightened the noose on the militants.

But shortly after the 141 people came out with their bands up in response to a police ultimatum, the battle resumed.

Police say some of the top leaders of a bloody campaign for an independent Sikh homeland in the prosperous northern state of Punjah were among those inside the holiest Sikh shrine when the battle started last Mnnday. But local journalists familiar

with the separatist leaders said none was among those who surrendered. One man who did come out said the militants would not give

new president

BELGRADE (R) - Yugoslavia

got a new state president, 61-year-old former Vice-President

and Foreign Minister Raif Diz-

darevic. Sunday under the coun-

try's system of annual rotation of

Stane Dolanc, 63, who fought

with Josip Broz Tito's partisans in

World War II and became a close

aide of the late leader, was

Both men are members of the

state presidency, a collective

head of state comprising repre-

sentatives of Yugoslavia's eight

republics and provinces as well as

Under the system each region

Yugoslavia, a noo-aligned

communist state, is in the throes

of a serious economic crisis, in-

cluding 152 per cent inflatioo and

The country's two richest re-

gions, Slovenia and Croatia, cal-

led for a no-confidence vote in

the government of Prime Minis-

ter Branko Mikulic in parliament

Saturday but the motion was re-

Dizdarevic, a Muslim from

Bosnia, served as foreign minister

from May 1984 until last Septem-

ber, when former Vice-President

Hamdija Pozderac resigned from

his post over a multi-million dol-

The Dizdarevic and Pozderac

families were the most powerful

political clans in the republic of

Bosnia-Hercegovina. Analysts

said Pozderac's downfall had im-

proved Dizdarevic's political for-

lar financial scandal.

takes a turn by rotation in the two

the Communist Party chief.

offices, Tito died in 1980.

a \$21 billion foreign debt.

named vice-president.

the post.

Sukhdev Singh, who said be was a volunteer at one of the shrines inside the big complex of white marble and golden roofs, said the militants "are adamant oo death rather than surrender. S.S. Ray, the New Delhiappointed governor of Punjab issued a statement from the state capital Chaodigarh Saturday night offering them exactly that

Three of lthe men who came out were suffering from bullet wounds. About 30 people, most of them separatists, have been killed since the siege started. Police said only three of their

men had been wounded. Punjah state police chief K.P.S. Gill, himself a Sikh, told reporters all those who surrendered would be treated as mili-

WASHINGTON (AP) - The

Nicaraguan Contras, poorly sup-plied and politically divided, may

face disintegration, with impact

beyond Nicaragua's borders,

Less than two months after the

rebels signed a temporary cease-

fire agreement with Nicaragua's

leftist government, U.S. experts

on Central America say the con-

tras' future seems bleak for a

delivery of U.S. humanitarian aid

shipments, have fled across the

Nicaraguan border into Hon-

LIMA (AP) — Pope John Paul II

arrived Saturday in the poor, terrorist-wracked nation of Peru

and expressed sympathy for "the

huge multitude that has experi-

enced grief, violence, abandon-

Echoing a theme he voiced in

Bolivia and Uruguay, the Pope opened the third leg of his South

American tour by calling on its

citizenry to build a more just

Scattered blackouts attributed

rounding the colonial-era cathed- Rome.

seminary students but did not opposition leaders.

affect the downtown area sur-

Outside the cathedral in Lima's dent Alan Garcia welcomed the

central plaza the Pope: conse- pontiff to the airport and urged

crated a Peruvian version of the him to reach out to "those who

society in a hungry natioo,

meot and hunger."

ral where he was.

duras in search for food.

- Up to 3,000 rebels, denied

variety of reasons.

according to U.S. officials.

Yugoslavia gets | Contra rebels face 'disintegration'

"Some of them dumped their ing to the edges of the sprawling guns oo the debris inside the complex. temple and surrendered," he told

reporters. till proveo ntherwise, we will than 1,000 people were killed and regard them as terrorists. They the temple seriously damaged. will be put through intensive interrogatioo," he said.

the commando-led security forces and died in bospital. nf more than 3,000 men took two buildings on the fringe of the

ing during previous police India.

of the militants bave been ing, but did not say when.

smashed," he said.

oppositioo from at least two

members of the rebel political

the contras have enough military

supplies to last only one to two

months. Congress rejected Presi-

dent Ronald Reagan's military

aid request on February 3rd and

there is little support for a rever-

handkerchiefs and shouted,

sal of that decision.

Blackouts, blasts greet Pope in Lima

the blasts to insurgents.

to leftist sabotage hit metropoli- the country's authoritarian gov- the airport to downtown. He said

tan Lima while the Pope was ernment backed off on its bid to there was an order to shoot and

addressing priests, nuns and block a Papal meeting with kill any armed suspect near the

The Pontiff departs May 18 for

In the capital of Lima, Presi-

Virgin Mary. Tens of thousands are sick with hate and who kill rebels beld in local prisons.

directorate.

Memories are still vivid of a orters.

June 1984 army operation to root
'We will screen all of them and out separatists in which more Gill told reporters prominent

militant Surjit Singh Painta was "In the heavy overnight fight- among those who surrendered. ing that preceded the surrender, but he swallowed a poison pill

Painta, once a promising middle distance runner, was wanted in connection with a Sikh separat-The gunmen re-opened fire ist attack on a boliday crowd in from slits in two high towers New Delhi last October in which following a mass surrender they eight people were killed. He had appeared powerless to prevent a price of 100,000 rupees (\$8,000) after stopping people from leav- on his head, a large amount in

Gill said another prominent Gill said the overnight opera-, militant, Jagir Singh, spokesman tion had considerably consoli- for a committee leading the dated the security force strangle- separatist campaign, had been hold. "Many major fortifications killed in the seven days of fight-

Gill said at least two groups. The security forces so far have numbering up to 20 gunnen, been careful not to intrude on the were still inside the temple.

"The contras seem to be in the

The official said all of the

predictions he and some others in

the administration had made in

February after the congressional

rejection of contra aid are being

The Pope arrived hours after

quarters the Papal press centre.

anonymity, said two people pos-

Earlier in the day, some 20

women disrupted a mass in a

Roman Catholic church in Lima

and appealed in the Pope's name

for respect for the rights of leftist

process of disintegrating," said

nista rule is upon us."

- Serious rifts have emerged - Soviet military supplies are in the contra ranks. An undeter- continuing to flow in the Sandi-

mined number of rebels mutinied nistas at a rate slightly ahead of

recently against military com- the 1987 pace. According to U.S.

mander Enrique Bermndez at a estimates. Soviet military deliver-

contra camp in southern Hon- ies totalled \$105 million for the

— If fighting resumes, after the current cease-fire ends on June 1.

of people cheered, waved white and destroy with violence."

"Viva." Then the Pontiff retired 60 leftist rebels firebombed a

for the night in the Vatican Lima hotel that serves as head-

Small dynamite charges ex- Earlier, guerrillas ambushed an

ploded in at least four spots in the army convoy near a mountain

city during Saturday night's Papal town and killed three soldiers.

activities, but police said no ooe A military iotelligence officer,

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Americans sent Gorbachev 80,000 letters

MOSCOW (AP) — Americans sent more than 80,000 letters to Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev last year, and samples will. be published in a book, a Soviet newspaper reported Saturday. Sovietskaya Kultura published excerpts of 13 letters from across the United States and an introduction that will be included in the book, which will be titled "Americaos Write to Gor-hachev." The letter excerpts mostly expressed the writers' concerns about world peace and the threat of nuclear war, but also touched on topics such as Stalinism and the aims of Socialism. Vitaly Koroticb, editor of the weekly news magazine Ogonyok, described the American messages as "letters of hope."

Bones found in police chief's yard, funeral held

FARMINGTON, New Hampshire (AP) — The remains of Russell Bean, whose bones were unearthed last month in the front yard of former Marlow Police Chief Robert Chambers, were buried following a weekend funeral service. The two dozen people attending Saturday's service at Pine Grove cemetery included Sylvia Chambers, who was married to Bean when be disappeared 10 years ago and wbo later married Chambers. He has beeo charged with second-degree murder in Bean's death, and she is seeking a divorce. Police dug up Bean's remains oo March 14 but held them for examination until last week.

13 couples married in stadium

KENOSHA, Wisconsin (AP) — Attracted by the slogan, "we'll provide the diamond if you provide the bride," 13 couples married Saturday at Home Plate before a baseball game. The couples came from neighbouring Illinois to avoid the expense or bother of an AIDS test, which has been mandatory in their bome state since January 1. Players from the Kenosha Twins and the Rockford, Illinois, Expos mioor league teams lined paths at Simmons Field that led the brides and grooms to a portable chapel at Home Plate. This is to be en-tered into seriously, honourably, advisably and, in this case, with good sportsmanship," Kenosha county court commissioner Jon Mason said to open the ceremony. Some brides wore traditional wedding gowns while others were dressed in more casual attire. One groom wore a black top hat and tuxedo, and next to him stood another prospective husband wearing an open collar shirt and slacks."

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Martens wins confidence vote

BRUSSELS (AP) - The centre-left Belgian government, which was sworn in last Monday, easily won its first vote of confidence early Sunday. After a 35-hour debate on the coalition's programme of continued austerity and increased decentralisation, the government led by Wilfried Martens won the confidence of house of representatives members by 140 against 65 and one abstention. Six legislators were absent. The lower house has 212 members. Only four members of Martens' five-party coalition defected. It only needed a simple majority (107 votes) this time but it will need two thirds of the votes to change the constitution - its major goal aimed at settling the old language feud opposing Dutch-speaking Flemings and Francophones. This is regard as the first crucial test for Martens' team. It is scheduled before the summer recess in August. In this respect, the defection of only four members of its majority was considered encouraging by political observers. It holds 150 of the house seats.

Red Army demands release of Shibata

TOKYO (AP) - Red Army members staked out in North Korea demanded that Japanese authorities release a co-member arrested recently or face a "fitting reprisal," the nationally circulated Yomiuri Shimhun reported in its Sunday edition. In a telex dispatched Saturday to Yomiuri's Tokyo headquarters, the extremist group said that Yasuhiro Shibata, an alleged Red Army faction member, went to Japan "to piooeer the way for us to return." Unless the Japanese government and police took immediate action to release Shibata, the Red Army was prepared to retaliate, faction members said in a message titled, "an urgent statement on the unfair arrest of comrade Yasuhiro Shibata." The group also claimed that Japanese authorities were "repressing" groups in Japan sympathetic to the Red Army cause and demanded that such action be ceased on threat of reprisal, Yomiuri reported in both its Japanese and English-language editions. On May 6, police arrested Shihata. 34, one of nine alleged Red Army extremists suspected of taking part in the 1970 hijacking of a Japan Air Lines passenger jet to North Korea, near his Tokyo apartment. At the time, Shibata was carrying a passport issued in the name of Akira Nakao, a Japanese who had assumed North Korean citizenship and was residing in his adopted country.

Tanzania expels six Zanzibar politicians

DAR ES SALAAM (AP) - The ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi (Revolutionary Party) has expelled six top Zanzibari politicians. accusing them of undermining the semiautonomous island's 24-year-old union with mainland Tanzania. The expulsions from the

party mean the six automatically lose government positions in this one-party state, according to a spokesman for the party's national executive committee, who spoke to reporters Saturday. He said the party was expelling Seif Shariff Hamad, a member of the powerful committee, former cabinet minister Soud Yusuf Mgeni, former deputy minister Rashid Mohammad Hamad, Suleiman Hamad, who was deputy speaker of the Zanzibar House of Representaoves, and Shaaban Mloo and Ali Haji Pandu, both former committee members. The spokesman said the six, "in collaboration with external forces opposed to the Tanzania union government," bad encouraged separatist feelings by belittling the party's image and the leadership of retired President Julius Nyerere, who still beads the party.

Death toll rises in Mexican collapse

AGUASCALIENTES, Mexico (AP) - Army and civilian rescuers chipped away at concrete slabs to try to reach two people still missing in a building collapse that killed at least 15 people, officials said. A state communique said that the death toll from Thursday's collapse rose to 15 Saturday and may go as high as 17. The Red Cross listed 19 dead, said spokesman Juan Diaz Andrade. Rescuers believe they have located the body of one of the missing and believe the second also is dead, said the communique issued Saturday. Fifty-seven people were injured in the accident and 12 of them hospitalised, the report said. The governor of Aguascalientes, Miguel Angel Barbarena Vega, visited the site Saturday and said an investigation to determine why the four-storey building collapsed will be stepped up Monday.

Sri Lankan rebels kill 5

COLOMBO (R) - Sri Lankan Marxist guerrillas, with whom the government thought it had made peace, killed five people in overnight attacks on ruling party election candidates, police said Sunday. They said all the attacks by the Janatha Vimuktbi Peramuna (JVP: people's liberation front) were in the southern district of Matara. Betweeo 25 and 30 gunmen attacked the home at Lenawa of a local election candidate of the ruling United National Party. Two policemen and two security officers were killed in the gunbattle that followed. Earlier, at Kotawila, ruling party candidate G. Nandapala was shot dead. Another ruling party candidate escaped unburt in an attack on his house but three people suffered serious stab wounds in the incident, police said. All the candidates are standing in June 9 elections of a provincial council in the south. The JVP is opposed to last July's Indian-Sri Lankan accord aimed at ending a Tamil separatist rebellioo. The setting up of elected provincial councils is a key element in the

Mother committed **2.257** crimes

CARDIFF, Wales (AP) - A

young mother admitted in court

that she committed 2,257 crimes

in a four-year spree that netted 291 cars and other goods worth more than £1 million (over \$2 million). Sharon Head, 21, who wrote a 37-page confession after talking to police for 165 hours about her life of crime, was sentenced to 41/2 years in prison Friday by Judge Martin Stephens at Cardiff Crown Court. "The catalogue of crimes you committed almost defies belief," the judge said. Head, who has a five-yearold son and three-year-old daugh-ter, said in the confession that she became involved with a gang of criminals as a teen-ager. "All I can say is that I was a very stupid person and I am deeply sorry, she said. "I want to get all the crimes cleared up. I want to start afresb." Head was arrested after starting a series of fires in a house in Cardiff which she shared with a boyfriend after leaving her husband and children. She pleaded guilty to one charge of arson, four thefts and four burglaries and asked for 2,248 other offenses of theft, burglary, attempted burg-lary and stealing cars to be taken into consideration. After her arrest, Head was taken on a 48-hour tour of the counties surrounding London to compile a complete catalogue of her crimes and make sure nothing had been missed. Most of the crimes were

in England and some in Wales.